

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the practice of architecture and
 3 interior design; amending s. 481.229, F.S.; exempting
 4 certain persons or entities engaged in the manufacture,
 5 sale, or installation of commercial food service
 6 equipment, cubicle workstations, and similar modular
 7 furniture and fixtures from provisions regulating
 8 architecture and interior design under certain
 9 circumstances; providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Subsection (8) is added to section 481.229,
 14 Florida Statutes, to read:

15 481.229 Exceptions; exemptions from licensure.--

16 (8) A manufacturer of commercial food service equipment or
 17 cubical workstations and similar modular furniture, shelving,
 18 cabinetry, and spatial dividers or partitions, or the
 19 manufacturer's representative, distributor, or dealer or an
 20 employee thereof, who prepares designs, specifications, or
 21 layouts for the sale or installation of such equipment,
 22 furniture, or fixtures is exempt from licensure as an architect
 23 or interior designer, if:

24 (a) The designs, specifications, or layouts do not affect
 25 structural, mechanical, plumbing, heating, air conditioning,
 26 ventilating, electrical, or vertical transportation systems.

27 (b) The designs, specifications, or layouts do not
 28 materially affect lifesafety systems pertaining to firesafety

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29 protection, smoke evacuation and compartmentalization, and
30 emergency ingress or egress systems.

31 (c) Each design, specification, or layout document
32 prepared by a person or entity exempt under this subsection
33 contains a disclosure statement on each page of the document
34 that the designs, specifications, or layouts are not
35 architectural or engineering designs, specifications, or
36 layouts; are not prepared for the purpose of obtaining a
37 building permit; and are not prepared for construction purposes.

38 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.