

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to design professionals; creating ss.
 3 471.046, 472.0367, 481.23, and 481.333, F.S.; providing
 4 that the malpractice or negligence for which licensed
 5 engineers, surveyors and mappers, architects, interior
 6 designers, and registered landscape architects are liable
 7 must cause personal injury or damage to property other
 8 than the property that is the subject of the professional
 9 services; 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. Section 471.046, Florida Statutes, is created
 14 to read:

15 471.046 Limitation of causes of action.—Notwithstanding
 16 any other law, a person does not have a cause of action against
 17 a licensee under this chapter for the recovery of economic
 18 damages that result from malpractice or negligence in the
 19 performance of professional services if the malpractice or
 20 negligence does not cause personal injury or damage to property
 21 other than the property that is the subject of the professional
 22 services and the licensee performs the professional services
 23 pursuant to a contract between the licensee or his or her
 24 employer and either of the following persons:

25 (1) The person claiming economic damages; or

26 (2) A consultant, subconsultant, or sub-subconsultant to a
 27 person or entity having a contract with the person claiming
 28 economic damages to provide the professional services at issue.

29 Section 2. Section 472.0367, Florida Statutes, is created
 30 to read:

31 472.0367 Limitation of causes of action.—Notwithstanding
 32 any other law, a person does not have a cause of action against
 33 a licensee under this chapter for the recovery of economic
 34 damages that result from malpractice or negligence in the
 35 performance of professional services if the malpractice or
 36 negligence does not cause personal injury or damage to property
 37 other than the property that is the subject of the professional
 38 services and the licensee performs the professional services
 39 pursuant to a contract between the licensee or his or her
 40 employer and either of the following persons:

- 41 (1) The person claiming economic damages; or
- 42 (2) A consultant, subconsultant, or sub-subconsultant to a
 43 person or entity having a contract with the person claiming
 44 economic damages to provide the professional services at issue.

45 Section 3. Section 481.23, Florida Statutes, is created to
 46 read:

47 481.23 Limitation of causes of action.—Notwithstanding any
 48 other law, a person does not have a cause of action against a
 49 licensee under this part for the recovery of economic damages
 50 that result from malpractice or negligence in the performance of
 51 professional services if the malpractice or negligence does not
 52 cause personal injury or damage to property other than the
 53 property that is the subject of the professional services and
 54 the licensee performs the professional services pursuant to a
 55 contract between the licensee or his or her employer and either
 56 of the following persons:

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- 57 (1) The person claiming economic damages; or
 58 (2) A consultant, subconsultant, or sub-subconsultant to a
 59 person or entity having a contract with the person claiming
 60 economic damages to provide the professional services at issue.

61 Section 4. Section 481.333, Florida Statutes, is created
 62 to read:

63 481.333 Limitation of causes of action.—Notwithstanding
 64 any other law, a person does not have a cause of action against
 65 a licensee under this part for the recovery of economic damages
 66 that result from malpractice or negligence in the performance of
 67 professional services if the malpractice or negligence does not
 68 cause personal injury or damage to property other than the
 69 property that is the subject of the professional services and
 70 the licensee performs the professional services pursuant to a
 71 contract between the licensee or his or her employer and either
 72 of the following persons:

- 73 (1) The person claiming economic damages; or
 74 (2) A consultant, subconsultant, or sub-subconsultant to a
 75 person or entity having a contract with the person claiming
 76 economic damages to provide the professional services at issue.

77 Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.