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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4715

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4715 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Registered Interior Designers Act is
5 amended by changing Sections 3, 4, 8, and 13 and by adding
6 Sections 4.1 and 4.2 as follows:

7 (225 ILCS 310/3) (from Ch. 111, par. 8203)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2027)

9 Sec. 3. Definitions. As used in this Act:

10 "Accredited institution" means an institution accredited
11 by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation,
12 accreditation body recognized by the United States Department
13 of Education, or a curriculum or transcript approved by the
14 Board per a registration applicant's application.

15 "Address of record" means the designated address recorded
16 by the Department in the applicant's application file or the

1 registrant's registration file as maintained by the
2 Department's licensure maintenance unit.

3 "Board" means the Board of Registered Interior Design
4 Professionals established under Section 6 of this Act.

5 "Department" means the Department of Financial and
6 Professional Regulation.

7 "Email address of record" means the designated email
8 address recorded by the Department in the applicant's
9 application file or the registrant's registration file as
10 maintained by the Department's licensure maintenance unit.

11 "Interior technical submissions" means the designs,
12 drawings, and specifications that establish the scope of the
13 interior design to be constructed, the standard of quality for
14 materials, workmanship, equipment, and construction systems,
15 and the studies and other technical reports and calculations
16 prepared in the course of the practice of registered interior
17 design.

18 "Practice of interior design" means the design of interior
19 spaces as a part of an interior alteration or interior
20 construction project in conformity with public health, safety,
21 and welfare requirements, including the preparation of
22 documents relating to building code descriptions, project
23 egress plans that require no increase capacity of exits in the
24 space affected, space planning, finish materials, furnishings,
25 fixtures, equipment, and the preparation of documents and
26 interior technical submissions relating to interior

1 construction. "Practice of interior design" does not include:

2 (1) Services that constitute the practice of
3 architecture or the practice of professional engineering,
4 except for as provided in this Act.

5 (2) Altering or affecting the structural system of a
6 building, including changing the building's live or dead
7 load on the structural system.

8 (3) Changes to the building envelope, including
9 exterior walls, exterior wall coverings, exterior wall
10 openings, exterior windows and doors, architectural trim,
11 balconies and similar projections, bay and oriel windows,
12 roof assemblies and rooftop structures, and glass and
13 glazing for exterior use in both vertical and sloped
14 applications in buildings and structures.

15 (4) Altering or affecting the mechanical, plumbing,
16 heating, air conditioning, ventilation, electrical,
17 vertical transportation, fire sprinkler, or fire alarm
18 systems.

19 (5) Changes beyond the exit access component of a
20 means of egress system.

21 (6) Construction that materially affects life safety
22 systems pertaining to fire safety or the fire protection
23 of structural elements, or alterations to smoke evacuation
24 and compartmentalization systems or to fire-rated vertical
25 shafts in multistory structures.

26 (7) Changes of use to an occupancy of greater hazard

1 as determined by the International Building Code.

2 (8) Changes to the construction classification of the
3 building or structure according to the International
4 Building Code.

5 ~~"The profession of interior design", within the meaning~~
6 ~~and intent of this Act, refers to persons qualified by~~
7 ~~education, experience, and examination, who administer~~
8 ~~contracts for fabrication, procurement, or installation in the~~
9 ~~implementation of designs, drawings, and specifications for~~
10 ~~any interior design project and offer or furnish professional~~
11 ~~services, such as consultations, studies, drawings, and~~
12 ~~specifications in connection with the location of lighting~~
13 ~~fixtures, lamps and specifications of ceiling finishes as~~
14 ~~shown in reflected ceiling plans, space planning, furnishings,~~
15 ~~or the fabrication of non loadbearing structural elements~~
16 ~~within and surrounding interior spaces of buildings but~~
17 ~~specifically excluding mechanical and electrical systems,~~
18 ~~except for specifications of fixtures and their location~~
19 ~~within interior spaces.~~

20 "Public member" means a person who is not a registered an
21 interior designer, educator in the field, architect,
22 structural engineer, or professional engineer. For purposes of
23 board membership, any person with a significant financial
24 interest in the design or construction service or profession
25 is not a public member.

26 "Registered interior designer" means a person who has

1 received registration under Section 8 of this Act. A person
2 represents himself or herself to be a "registered interior
3 designer" within the meaning of this Act if he or she holds
4 himself or herself out to the public by any title
5 incorporating the words "registered interior designer" or any
6 title that includes the words "registered interior design".

7 "Responsible control" means the amount of control over
8 detailed professional knowledge of the content of interior
9 technical submissions during the preparation as is ordinarily
10 exercised by registered interior designers applying the
11 required professional standard of care. Merely reviewing or
12 reviewing and correcting an interior technical submission or
13 any portion thereof prepared by those not in the regular
14 employment of the office where the registered interior
15 designer is a resident without control over the content of
16 such work throughout its preparation does not constitute
17 responsible control.

18 "Secretary" means the Secretary of Financial and
19 Professional Regulation.

20 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22.)

21 (225 ILCS 310/4) (from Ch. 111, par. 8204)

22 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2027)

23 Sec. 4. Title; application of Act.

24 (a) No individual shall, without a valid registration as a
25 registered ~~an~~ interior designer issued by the Department, in

1 any manner hold himself or herself out to the public as a
2 registered interior designer or attach the title "registered
3 interior designer" or any other name or designation which
4 would in any way imply that he or she is able to use the title
5 "registered interior designer" as defined in this Act.

6 (a-5) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as preventing
7 or restricting the services offered or advertised by an
8 interior designer who is registered under this Act.

9 (b) Nothing in this Act shall prevent the employment, by a
10 registered interior designer association, partnership, or a
11 corporation furnishing interior design services for
12 remuneration, of persons not registered as interior designers
13 to perform services in various capacities as needed, provided
14 that the persons do not represent themselves as, or use the
15 title of, "registered interior designer".

16 (c) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the
17 activities and use of the title "interior designer" on the
18 part of a person not registered under this Act who is a
19 graduate of an interior design program and a full-time
20 employee of a duly chartered institution of higher education
21 insofar as such person engages in public speaking, with or
22 without remuneration, provided that such person does not
23 represent himself or herself to be a registered interior
24 designer or use the title "registered interior designer".

25 (d) Nothing contained in this Act shall restrict any
26 person not registered under this Act from carrying out any of

1 the activities listed in the definition of "the profession of
2 interior design" in Section 3 if such person does not
3 represent himself or herself or his or her services in any
4 manner prohibited by this Act.

5 (e) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as preventing
6 or restricting the practice, services, or activities of any
7 person licensed in this State under any other law from
8 engaging in the profession or occupation for which he or she is
9 licensed, except as specifically provided for in Section 3.

10 (f) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as preventing
11 or restricting the practice, services, or activities of
12 engineers licensed under the Professional Engineering Practice
13 Act of 1989 or the Structural Engineering Practice Act of
14 1989; architects licensed pursuant to the Illinois
15 Architectural Practice Act of 1989; any interior decorator or
16 individual offering interior decorating services including,
17 but not limited to, the selection of surface materials, window
18 treatments, wall coverings, furniture, accessories, paint,
19 floor coverings, and lighting fixtures; or builders, home
20 furnishings salespersons, and similar purveyors of goods and
21 services relating to homemaking.

22 (g) Nothing in this Act or any other Act shall prevent a
23 licensed architect from practicing interior design services.
24 Nothing in this Act shall be construed as requiring the
25 services of a registered interior designer for the interior
26 designing of a single family residence.

1 (h) Nothing in this Act shall authorize registered
2 interior designers to perform services, including life safety
3 services that they are prohibited from performing, or any
4 practice (i) that is restricted in the Illinois Architecture
5 Practice Act of 1989, the Professional Engineering Practice
6 Act of 1989, or the Structural Engineering Practice Act of
7 1989, or (ii) that they are not authorized to perform under the
8 Environmental Barriers Act, except as specifically provided
9 for in Section 3.

10 (i) Nothing in this Act shall authorize registered
11 interior designers to advertise services that they are
12 prohibited to perform, including architecture or engineering
13 services, nor to use the title "architect" in any form.

14 (j) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as preventing
15 or restricting persons from engaging in professional services
16 limited to the design of kitchen and bath spaces or the
17 specification of products for kitchen and bath areas in
18 noncommercial settings.

19 (Source: P.A. 102-20, eff. 1-1-22.)

20 (225 ILCS 310/4.1 new)

21 Sec. 4.1. Seal. Every registered interior designer shall
22 have a reproducible seal, or facsimile, the impression of
23 which shall contain the name of the registered interior
24 designer, the registrations number, and the words "Registered
25 Interior Designer, State of Illinois". The registered interior

1 designer shall affix the signature, current date, date of
2 registration expiration, and seal to the first sheet of any
3 bound set or loose sheets of interior technical submissions
4 used as contract documents between parties to the contract or
5 prepared for the review and approval of any governmental or
6 public authority having jurisdiction by that registered
7 interior designer or under that registered interior designer's
8 responsible control. The sheet of interior technical
9 submissions in which the seal is affixed shall indicate those
10 documents or parts thereof for which the seal shall apply. The
11 seal and dates may be electronically affixed. The registrant
12 may provide, at the registrant's sole discretion, an original
13 signature in the registrant's handwriting, a scanned copy of
14 the document bearing an original signature, or a signature
15 generated by a computer. All interior technical submissions
16 issued by any corporation, partnership, professional service
17 corporation, or professional design firm registered under this
18 Act shall contain the corporate or assumed business name and
19 design firm registration number in addition to any other seal
20 requirements set forth in this Act.

21 A registered interior designer under this Act shall not
22 sign and seal interior technical submissions that were not
23 prepared by or under the responsible control of the registered
24 interior designer, except that:

25 (1) the registered interior designer may sign and seal
26 those portions of the interior technical submission that

1 were prepared by or under the responsible control of a
2 person who holds a registration under this Act, and who
3 has signed and sealed the documents, if the registered
4 interior designer has reviewed in whole or in part such
5 portions and has either coordinated their preparation or
6 integrated them into the work;

7 (2) the registered interior designer may sign and seal
8 portions of the professional work that are not required by
9 this Act to be prepared by or under the responsible
10 control of a registered interior designer if the
11 registered interior designer has reviewed and adopted in
12 whole or in part such portions and has integrated them
13 into the work. The work associated with the combination of
14 services in connection with the design and construction of
15 buildings shall be provided by a licensed architect. If
16 engineering services are required in association with an
17 interior nonstructural project being performed by a
18 registered interior designer, the documents that have
19 already been properly sealed by a licensed professional
20 engineer may be compiled and sealed by a registered
21 interior designer. Each design professional shall seal the
22 respective documents and shall not seal a document that
23 was not prepared under the design professional's
24 responsible charge. For all other projects, engineering
25 services shall be procured separate from the registered
26 interior designer;

1 (3) a partner or corporate officer of a professional
2 design firm registered in this State, who is registered
3 under this Act, and who has professional knowledge of the
4 content of the interior technical submissions and intends
5 to be responsible for the adequacy of the interior
6 technical submissions may sign and seal interior technical
7 submissions that are prepared by or under the responsible
8 control of a registered interior designer who is
9 registered in this State and who is in the regular
10 employment of the professional design firm.

11 The registered interior designer exercising responsible
12 control under which the interior technical submissions or
13 portions of the interior technical submission were prepared
14 shall be identified on the interior technical submissions or
15 portions of the interior technical submissions by name and
16 Illinois registration number.

17 Any registered interior designer who signs and seals
18 interior technical submissions not prepared by that registered
19 interior designer but prepared under that registered interior
20 designer's responsible control by persons not regularly
21 employed in the office where the registered interior designer
22 is a resident shall maintain and make available to the Board
23 upon request for at least 5 years following such signing and
24 sealing, adequate and complete records demonstrating the
25 nature and extent of the registered interior designer's
26 control over, and detailed professional knowledge of the

1 interior technical submissions throughout their preparation.

2 (225 ILCS 310/4.2 new)

3 Sec. 4.2. Interior technical submissions.

4 (a) All interior technical submissions intended for use in
5 this State shall be prepared and administered in accordance
6 with standards of reasonable professional skill and diligence.
7 Care shall be taken to reflect the requirements of State law
8 and, where applicable, county and municipal ordinances in the
9 submissions. In recognition that registered interior designers
10 are registered for the protection of the public health,
11 safety, and welfare, submissions shall be of such quality and
12 scope, and be so administered, as to conform to professional
13 standards.

14 (b) No officer, board, commission, or other public entity
15 who receives interior technical submissions shall accept for
16 filing or approval any interior technical submissions related
17 to services requiring the involvement of a registered interior
18 designer that do not bear the seal and signature of a
19 registered interior designer.

20 (c) It is unlawful to affix a seal to interior technical
21 submissions if it masks the true identify of the person who
22 actually exercised responsible control of the preparation of
23 such work. A registered interior designer who seals and signs
24 interior technical submissions is not responsible for damage
25 caused by subsequent changes to, or uses of, those interior

1 technical submissions where the subsequent changes or uses,
2 including changes to uses made by State or local agencies, are
3 not authorized or approved in writing by the registered
4 interior designer who originally sealed and signed the
5 interior technical submissions.

6 (225 ILCS 310/8) (from Ch. 111, par. 8208)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2027)

8 Sec. 8. Requirements for registration.

9 (a) Each applicant for registration shall apply to the
10 Department in writing on a form provided by the Department.
11 Except as otherwise provided in this Act, each applicant shall
12 take and pass the examination approved by the Department.
13 Prior to registration, the applicant shall provide substantial
14 evidence to the Board that the applicant has completed the
15 education and work experience requirements to sit for the
16 NCIDQ examination administered by the Council for Interior
17 Design Qualification, has successfully passed the NCIDQ exam,
18 has maintained an active NCIDQ certification, and:

19 (1) is a graduate of a 5-year interior design or
20 architecture program from an accredited institution and
21 has completed at least 2 years of full-time diversified
22 interior design experience;

23 (2) is a graduate of a 4-year interior design or
24 architecture program from an accredited institution and
25 has completed at least 2 years of full-time diversified

1 interior design experience;

2 (3) has completed at least 3 years of interior design
3 or architecture curriculum from an accredited institution
4 and has completed 3 years of full-time diversified
5 interior design experience; or

6 (4) is a graduate of a 2-year interior design or
7 architecture program from an accredited institution and
8 has completed 4 years of full-time diversified interior
9 design experience.

10 (b) In addition to providing evidence of meeting the
11 requirements of subsection (a), each applicant for
12 registration as a registered interior designer shall provide
13 substantial evidence that he or she has successfully completed
14 the examination administered by the ~~National~~ Council for
15 Interior Design Qualification ~~Qualifications~~.

16 ~~Examinations for applicants under this Act may be held at~~
17 ~~the direction of the Department from time to time but not less~~
18 ~~than once each year. The scope and form of the examination~~
19 ~~shall conform to the National Council for Interior Design~~
20 ~~Qualification examination for interior designers.~~

21 (b-5) Each applicant for registration shall pay to the
22 Department the required registration fee, which is not
23 refundable, at the time of filing his or her application.

24 (b-10) Each applicant for renewal or reinstatement of
25 registration under this Act shall have completed continuing
26 education as set forth by the Department by rule. The

1 Department shall consider the recommendations of the Board in
2 establishing requirements for continuing education
3 requirements but shall be no less than 10 hours of continuing
4 education in the areas of health, safety, and welfare every 2
5 years.

6 (c) An individual may apply for original registration
7 prior to passing the examination. He or she shall have 2 years
8 after the date of filing an application to pass the
9 examination. If evidence and documentation of passing the
10 examination are received by the Department later than 2 years
11 after the individual's filing, the application shall be denied
12 and the fee forfeited. The applicant may reapply at any time,
13 but shall meet the requirements in effect at the time of
14 reapplication.

15 (d) Upon payment of the required fee, which shall be
16 determined by rule, an applicant who is an architect licensed
17 under the laws of this State may, without examination, be
18 granted registration as a registered interior designer by the
19 Department provided the applicant submits proof of an active
20 architectural license in Illinois.

21 (Source: P.A. 100-920, eff. 8-17-18; 101-81, eff. 7-12-19.)

22 (225 ILCS 310/13) (from Ch. 111, par. 8213)

23 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2027)

24 Sec. 13. Refusal, revocation or suspension of
25 registration. The Department may refuse to issue, renew, or

1 restore or may revoke, suspend, place on probation, reprimand
2 or take other disciplinary action as the Department may deem
3 proper, including fines not to exceed \$10,000 ~~\$5,000~~ for each
4 violation, with regard to any registration for any one or
5 combination of the following causes:

6 (a) Fraud in procuring the certificate of
7 registration.

8 (b) (Blank). ~~Habitual intoxication or addiction to the~~
9 ~~use of drugs.~~

10 (c) Making any misrepresentations or false promises,
11 directly or indirectly, to influence, persuade, or induce
12 patronage.

13 (d) Professional connection or association with, or
14 lending his or her name, to another for illegal use of the
15 title "registered interior designer", or professional
16 connection or association with any person, firm, or
17 corporation holding itself out in any manner contrary to
18 this Act.

19 (e) Obtaining or seeking to obtain checks, money, or
20 any other items of value by false or fraudulent
21 representations.

22 (f) Use of the title under a name other than his or her
23 own.

24 (g) Improper, unprofessional, or dishonorable conduct
25 of a character likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the
26 public.

1 (h) Conviction in this or another state, or federal
2 court, of any crime which is a felony, if the Department
3 determines, after investigation, that such person has not
4 been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public
5 trust.

6 (i) A violation of any provision of this Act or its
7 rules.

8 (j) Revocation by another state, the District of
9 Columbia, territory, or foreign nation of an interior
10 design or residential interior design license,
11 certification, or registration if at least one of the
12 grounds for that revocation is the same as or the
13 equivalent of one of the grounds for revocation set forth
14 in this Act.

15 (k) Mental incompetence as declared by a court of
16 competent jurisdiction.

17 (l) Being named as a perpetrator in an indicated
18 report by the Department of Children and Family Services
19 pursuant to the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act,
20 and upon proof by clear and convincing evidence that the
21 registrant has caused a child to be an abused child or
22 neglected child as defined in the Abused and Neglected
23 Child Reporting Act.

24 (m) Aiding or assisting another person in violating
25 any provision of this Act or its rules.

26 (n) Failure to provide information in response to a

1 written request made by the Department within 30 days
2 after receipt of the written request.

3 (o) Physical illness, including, but not limited to,
4 deterioration through the aging process or loss of motor
5 skill that results in the inability to practice interior
6 design with reasonable judgment, skill, or safety.

7 (p) Using or attempting to use an expired, inactive,
8 suspended, or revoked registration or the certificate or
9 seal of another registrant or impersonating another
10 registrant.

11 (q) Signing, affixing, or allowing the registered
12 interior designer's seal to be affixed to any interior
13 technical submission not prepared by the registered
14 interior designer or under the registered interior
15 designer's responsible control.

16 (r) Negligence, incompetence, or misconduct in the
17 practice of interior design.

18 (s) Habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs
19 defined in law as controlled substances, alcohol,
20 narcotics, stimulants, or any other substances that
21 results in the inability to practice with reasonable
22 judgment, skill, or safety.

23 (t) Inability to practice the profession with
24 reasonable judgment, skill, or safety as a result of
25 physical illness, including, but not limited to,
26 deterioration through the aging process, loss of motor

1 skill, mental illness, or disability.

2 (u) The determination by a circuit court that a
3 licensee is subject to involuntary admission or judicial
4 admission, as provided in the Mental Health and
5 Developmental Disabilities Code, operates as an automatic
6 suspension. Such suspension will end only upon a finding
7 by a court that the licensee is no longer subject to
8 involuntary admission or judicial admission, the issuance
9 of an order so finding and discharging the patient, and
10 the recommendation of the Board to the Secretary that the
11 licensee be allowed to resume practice.

12 (v) Knowingly undertaking any activity or having any
13 financial or other interest, or accepting any compensation
14 or reward except from the registrant's clients, for
15 registered interior design services by the result of those
16 same services, any of which would reasonably appear to
17 compromise the registrant's professional judgment in
18 serving the best interest of clients or the public.

19 The Department may refuse to issue or may suspend the
20 registration of any person who fails to file a return, or to
21 pay the tax, penalty, or interest showing in a filed return, or
22 to pay any final assessment of tax, penalty, or interest, as
23 required by any tax Act administered by the Illinois
24 Department of Revenue, until such time as the requirements of
25 any such tax Act are satisfied.

26 The entry of a decree by any circuit court establishing

1 that any person holding a certificate of registration under
2 this Act is a person subject to involuntary admission under
3 the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code shall
4 operate as a suspension of that registration. That person may
5 resume using the title "registered interior designer" only
6 upon a finding by the Board that he or she has been determined
7 to be no longer subject to involuntary admission by the court
8 and upon the Board's recommendation to the Director that he or
9 she be permitted to resume using the title "registered
10 interior designer".

11 (Source: P.A. 100-872, eff. 8-14-18; 100-920, eff. 8-17-18;
12 101-81, eff. 7-12-19.)".