

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

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8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2027)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
17 registrant's registration file as maintained by the
18 Department's licensure maintenance unit.

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

21 "Department" means the Department of Financial and
22 Professional Regulation.

23 "Email address of record" means the designated email

1 address recorded by the Department in the applicant's
2 application file or the registrant's registration file as
3 maintained by the Department's licensure maintenance unit.

4 "Interior technical submissions" means the designs,
5 drawings, and specifications that establish the scope of the
6 interior design to be constructed, the standard of quality for
7 materials, workmanship, equipment, and construction systems,
8 and the studies and other technical reports and calculations
9 prepared in the course of the practice of registered interior
10 design.

11 "Practice of registered interior design" means the design
12 of interior spaces as a part of an interior alteration or
13 interior construction project in conformity with public
14 health, safety, and welfare requirements, including the
15 preparation of documents relating to building code
16 descriptions, project egress plans that require no increase
17 capacity of exits in the space affected, space planning,
18 finish materials, furnishings, fixtures, equipment, and the
19 preparation of documents and interior technical submissions
20 relating to interior construction. "Practice of registered
21 interior design" does not include:

22 (1) The practice of structural engineering as defined
23 in the Structural Engineering Practice Act of 1989, the
24 practice of professional engineering as defined in the
25 Professional Engineering Practice Act of 1989, or the
26 practice of land surveying as defined in the Professional

1 Land Surveyor Act of 1989.

2 (2) Services that constitute the practice of
3 architecture as defined in the Illinois Architecture
4 Practice Act of 1989, except as provided in this Act.

5 (3) 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 (4) 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 (5) Altering or affecting the mechanical, plumbing,
16 heating, air conditioning, ventilation, electrical,
17 vertical transportation, fire sprinkler, or fire alarm
18 systems.

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

21 (7) 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 (8) Changes of use to an occupancy of greater hazard

1 as determined by the International Building Code.

2 (9) 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.

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 Professional
5 Engineering Practice Act of 1989, the Professional Land
6 Surveyor Act of 1989, of the Structural Engineering Practice
7 Act of 1989; (ii) that is restricted in the Illinois
8 Architecture Practice Act of 1989, except as provided in this
9 Act; or (iii) that they are not authorized to perform under the
10 Environmental Barriers Act, except as provided in this Act.

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12 ~~designers to perform services, including life safety services~~
13 ~~that they are prohibited from performing, or any practice (i)~~
14 ~~that is restricted in the Illinois Architecture Practice Act~~
15 ~~of 1989, the Professional Engineering Practice Act of 1989, or~~
16 ~~the Structural Engineering Practice Act of 1989, or (ii) that~~
17 ~~they are not authorized to perform under the Environmental~~
18 ~~Barriers Act.~~

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

23 (j) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as preventing
24 or restricting persons from engaging in professional services
25 limited to the design of kitchen and bath spaces or the
26 specification of products for kitchen and bath areas in

1 noncommercial settings.

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

3 (225 ILCS 310/4.1 new)

4 Sec. 4.1. Seal. Every registered interior designer shall
5 have a reproducible seal, or facsimile, the impression of
6 which shall contain the name of the registered interior
7 designer, the registrations number, and the words "Registered
8 Interior Designer, State of Illinois". The registered interior
9 designer shall affix the signature, current date, date of
10 registration expiration, and seal to the first sheet of any
11 bound set or loose sheets of interior technical submissions
12 used as contract documents between parties to the contract or
13 prepared for the review and approval of any governmental or
14 public authority having jurisdiction by that registered
15 interior designer or under that registered interior designer's
16 responsible control. The sheet of interior technical
17 submissions in which the seal is affixed shall indicate those
18 documents or parts thereof for which the seal shall apply. The
19 seal and dates may be electronically affixed. The registrant
20 may provide, at the registrant's sole discretion, an original
21 signature in the registrant's handwriting, a scanned copy of
22 the document bearing an original signature, or a signature
23 generated by a computer. All interior technical submissions
24 issued by any corporation, partnership, or professional
25 service corporation shall contain the corporate or assumed

1 business name in addition to any other seal requirements set
2 forth in this Act.

3 A registered interior designer under this Act shall not
4 sign and seal interior technical submissions that were not
5 prepared by or under the responsible control of the registered
6 interior designer, except that:

7 (1) the registered interior designer may sign and seal
8 those portions of the interior technical submission that
9 were prepared by or under the responsible control of a
10 person who holds a registration under this Act, and who
11 has signed and sealed the documents, if the registered
12 interior designer has reviewed in whole or in part such
13 portions and has either coordinated their preparation or
14 integrated them into the work;

15 (2) the registered interior designer may sign and seal
16 portions of the professional work that are not required by
17 this Act to be prepared by or under the responsible
18 control of a registered interior designer if the
19 registered interior designer has reviewed and adopted in
20 whole or in part such portions and has integrated them
21 into the work. The work associated with the combination of
22 services in connection with the design and construction of
23 buildings shall be provided by a licensed architect. If
24 engineering, structural engineering, or licensed land
25 surveying services are required in association with an
26 interior nonstructural project being performed by a

1 registered interior designer, the documents that have
2 already been properly sealed by a licensed professional
3 engineer, licensed structural engineer, or licensed land
4 surveyor may be compiled by a registered interior
5 designer. Each design professional shall seal the
6 respective documents and shall not seal a document that
7 was not prepared under the design professional's
8 responsible charge. For all other projects, engineering,
9 structural engineering, or land surveying services shall
10 be procured separate from the registered interior
11 designer;

12 (3) a partner or corporate officer of a professional
13 design firm registered in this State who has professional
14 knowledge of the content of the interior technical
15 submissions and intends to be responsible for the adequacy
16 of the interior technical submissions may sign and seal
17 interior technical submissions that are prepared by or
18 under the responsible control of a registered interior
19 designer who is registered in this State and who is in the
20 regular employment of the professional design firm.

21 The registered interior designer exercising responsible
22 control under which the interior technical submissions or
23 portions of the interior technical submission were prepared
24 shall be identified on the interior technical submissions or
25 portions of the interior technical submissions by name and
26 Illinois registration number.

1 Any registered interior designer who signs and seals
2 interior technical submissions not prepared by that registered
3 interior designer but prepared under that registered interior
4 designer's responsible control by persons not regularly
5 employed in the office where the registered interior designer
6 is a resident shall maintain and make available to the Board
7 upon request for at least 5 years following such signing and
8 sealing, adequate and complete records demonstrating the
9 nature and extent of the registered interior designer's
10 control over, and detailed professional knowledge of the
11 interior technical submissions throughout their preparation.

12 (225 ILCS 310/4.2 new)

13 Sec. 4.2. Interior technical submissions.

14 (a) All interior technical submissions intended for use in
15 this State shall be prepared and administered in accordance
16 with standards of reasonable professional skill and diligence.
17 Care shall be taken to reflect the requirements of State law
18 and, where applicable, county and municipal ordinances in the
19 submissions. In recognition that registered interior designers
20 are registered for the protection of the public health,
21 safety, and welfare, submissions shall be of such quality and
22 scope, and be so administered, as to conform to professional
23 standards.

24 (b) No officer, board, commission, or other public entity
25 who receives interior technical submissions shall accept for

1 filing or approval any interior technical submissions related
2 to services requiring the involvement of a registered interior
3 designer that do not bear the seal and signature of a
4 registered interior designer.

5 (c) It is unlawful to affix a seal to interior technical
6 submissions if it masks the true identify of the person who
7 actually exercised responsible control of the preparation of
8 such work. A registered interior designer who seals and signs
9 interior technical submissions is not responsible for damage
10 caused by subsequent changes to, or uses of, those interior
11 technical submissions where the subsequent changes or uses,
12 including changes to uses made by State or local agencies, are
13 not authorized or approved in writing by the registered
14 interior designer who originally sealed and signed the
15 interior technical submissions.

16 (225 ILCS 310/8) (from Ch. 111, par. 8208)

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

18 Sec. 8. Requirements for registration.

19 (a) Each applicant for registration shall apply to the
20 Department in writing on a form provided by the Department.
21 Except as otherwise provided in this Act, each applicant shall
22 take and pass the examination approved by the Department.
23 Prior to registration, the applicant shall provide substantial
24 evidence to the Board that the applicant has completed the
25 education and work experience requirements to sit for the

1 NCIDQ examination administered by the Council for Interior
2 Design Qualification, has successfully passed the NCIDQ exam,
3 has maintained an active NCIDQ certification, and:

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

8 (2) is a graduate of a 4-year interior design or
9 architecture program from an accredited institution and
10 has completed at least 2 years of full-time diversified
11 interior design experience;

12 (3) has completed at least 3 years of interior design
13 or architecture curriculum from an accredited institution
14 and has completed 3 years of full-time diversified
15 interior design experience; or

16 (4) is a graduate of a 2-year interior design or
17 architecture program from an accredited institution and
18 has completed 4 years of full-time diversified interior
19 design experience.

20 (b) In addition to providing evidence of meeting the
21 requirements of subsection (a), each applicant for
22 registration as a registered interior designer shall provide
23 substantial evidence that he or she has successfully completed
24 the examination administered by the ~~National~~ Council for
25 Interior Design Qualification ~~Qualifications~~.

26 ~~Examinations for applicants under this Act may be held at~~

1 ~~the direction of the Department from time to time but not less~~
2 ~~than once each year. The scope and form of the examination~~
3 ~~shall conform to the National Council for Interior Design~~
4 ~~Qualification examination for interior designers.~~

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

8 (b-10) Each applicant for renewal or reinstatement of
9 registration under this Act shall have completed continuing
10 education as set forth by the Department by rule. The
11 Department shall consider the recommendations of the Board in
12 establishing requirements for continuing education
13 requirements but shall be no less than 10 hours of continuing
14 education in the areas of health, safety, and welfare every 2
15 years.

16 (c) An individual may apply for original registration
17 prior to passing the examination. He or she shall have 2 years
18 after the date of filing an application to pass the
19 examination. If evidence and documentation of passing the
20 examination are received by the Department later than 2 years
21 after the individual's filing, the application shall be denied
22 and the fee forfeited. The applicant may reapply at any time,
23 but shall meet the requirements in effect at the time of
24 reapplication.

25 (d) Upon payment of the required fee, which shall be
26 determined by rule, an applicant who is an architect licensed

1 under the laws of this State may, without examination, be
2 granted registration as a registered interior designer by the
3 Department provided the applicant submits proof of an active
4 architectural license in Illinois.

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

6 (225 ILCS 310/13) (from Ch. 111, par. 8213)

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

8 Sec. 13. Refusal, revocation or suspension of
9 registration. The Department may refuse to issue, renew, or
10 restore or may revoke, suspend, place on probation, reprimand
11 or take other disciplinary action as the Department may deem
12 proper, including fines not to exceed \$10,000 ~~\$5,000~~ for each
13 violation, with regard to any registration for any one or
14 combination of the following causes:

15 (a) Fraud in procuring the certificate of
16 registration.

17 (b) (Blank). ~~Habitual intoxication or addiction to the~~
18 ~~use of drugs.~~

19 (c) Making any misrepresentations or false promises,
20 directly or indirectly, to influence, persuade, or induce
21 patronage.

22 (d) Professional connection or association with, or
23 lending his or her name, to another for illegal use of the
24 title "registered interior designer", or professional
25 connection or association with any person, firm, or

1 corporation holding itself out in any manner contrary to
2 this Act.

3 (e) Obtaining or seeking to obtain checks, money, or
4 any other items of value by false or fraudulent
5 representations.

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

8 (g) Improper, unprofessional, or dishonorable conduct
9 of a character likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the
10 public.

11 (h) Conviction in this or another state, or federal
12 court, of any crime which is a felony, if the Department
13 determines, after investigation, that such person has not
14 been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public
15 trust.

16 (i) A violation of any provision of this Act or its
17 rules.

18 (j) Revocation by another state, the District of
19 Columbia, territory, or foreign nation of an interior
20 design or residential interior design license,
21 certification, or registration if at least one of the
22 grounds for that revocation is the same as or the
23 equivalent of one of the grounds for revocation set forth
24 in this Act.

25 (k) Mental incompetence as declared by a court of
26 competent jurisdiction.

1 (l) Being named as a perpetrator in an indicated
2 report by the Department of Children and Family Services
3 pursuant to the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act,
4 and upon proof by clear and convincing evidence that the
5 registrant has caused a child to be an abused child or
6 neglected child as defined in the Abused and Neglected
7 Child Reporting Act.

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

10 (n) Failure to provide information in response to a
11 written request made by the Department within 30 days
12 after receipt of the written request.

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

17 (p) Using or attempting to use an expired, inactive,
18 suspended, or revoked registration or the certificate or
19 seal of another registrant or impersonating another
20 registrant.

21 (q) Signing, affixing, or allowing the registered
22 interior designer's seal to be affixed to any interior
23 technical submission not prepared by the registered
24 interior designer or under the registered interior
25 designer's responsible control.

26 (r) Negligence, incompetence, or misconduct in the

1 practice of interior design.

2 (s) Habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs
3 defined in law as controlled substances, alcohol,
4 narcotics, stimulants, or any other substances that
5 results in the inability to practice with reasonable
6 judgment, skill, or safety.

7 (t) Inability to practice the profession with
8 reasonable judgment, skill, or safety as a result of
9 physical illness, including, but not limited to,
10 deterioration through the aging process, loss of motor
11 skill, mental illness, or disability.

12 (u) The determination by a circuit court that a
13 licensee is subject to involuntary admission or judicial
14 admission, as provided in the Mental Health and
15 Developmental Disabilities Code, operates as an automatic
16 suspension. Such suspension will end only upon a finding
17 by a court that the licensee is no longer subject to
18 involuntary admission or judicial admission, the issuance
19 of an order so finding and discharging the patient, and
20 the recommendation of the Board to the Secretary that the
21 licensee be allowed to resume practice.

22 (v) Knowingly undertaking any activity or having any
23 financial or other interest, or accepting any compensation
24 or reward except from the registrant's clients, for
25 registered interior design services by the result of those
26 same services, any of which would reasonably appear to

1 compromise the registrant's professional judgment in
2 servicing the best interest of clients or the public.

3 The Department may refuse to issue or may suspend the
4 registration of any person who fails to file a return, or to
5 pay the tax, penalty, or interest showing in a filed return, or
6 to pay any final assessment of tax, penalty, or interest, as
7 required by any tax Act administered by the Illinois
8 Department of Revenue, until such time as the requirements of
9 any such tax Act are satisfied.

10 The entry of a decree by any circuit court establishing
11 that any person holding a certificate of registration under
12 this Act is a person subject to involuntary admission under
13 the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code shall
14 operate as a suspension of that registration. That person may
15 resume using the title "registered interior designer" only
16 upon a finding by the Board that he or she has been determined
17 to be no longer subject to involuntary admission by the court
18 and upon the Board's recommendation to the Director that he or
19 she be permitted to resume using the title "registered
20 interior designer".

21 (Source: P.A. 100-872, eff. 8-14-18; 100-920, eff. 8-17-18;
22 101-81, eff. 7-12-19.)