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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1878**

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**By** House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Wood, Jarrett, Kessler and Linville)

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1 AN ACT Relating to protecting the title of registered interior  
2 designer; and adding a new chapter to Title 18 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** In order to safeguard human health, safety,  
5 and property, and to promote public welfare, any person in either a  
6 public or private capacity using the title of registered interior  
7 designer is required to submit evidence that he or she is qualified  
8 under the provisions of section 4 of this act.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The definitions in this section apply  
10 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

11 (1) "Department" means the department of licensing.

12 (2) "Registered interior designer" means a person registered under  
13 this chapter who is a registered design professional qualified by  
14 education, experience, and examination.

15 (3) "Registration" means the certificate of registration issued by  
16 the department to an interior designer under this chapter.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The director may:

1 (1) Employ administrative, clerical, and investigative staff as  
2 necessary to administer and enforce this chapter;

3 (2) Establish fees for applications, examinations, and renewals in  
4 accordance with chapter 43.24 RCW;

5 (3) Issue certificates of registration to applicants who meet the  
6 requirements of this chapter; and

7 (4) Exercise rule-making authority to implement this section.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) An applicant may qualify for  
9 registration as a registered interior designer if the applicant pays  
10 any applicable fee established by the department and shows to the  
11 satisfaction of the department that the applicant:

12 (a)(i) Has a current certificate number issued by the national  
13 council for interior design qualification; and

14 (ii) Has six years' combined work experience and formal education  
15 in interior design from an accredited degree program. At a minimum,  
16 there must be two years of formal education in interior design. The  
17 curriculum for formal education in interior design should encompass:  
18 Manual and computer-aided design, two and three-dimensional design,  
19 design and composition fundamentals, color theory, building systems,  
20 material, finishes and specifications, codes and ordinances,  
21 presentation skills, and business practices and management. Hours of  
22 experience must be distributed among six competency areas:  
23 Programming, schematic design, design development, contract documents,  
24 contract administration, and professional practice; or

25 (b) Has provided the department, by July 1, 2007, with proof of  
26 fifteen years of work experience as an interior designer and two years  
27 of formal education in interior design.

28 (2) The department may also grant registration by reciprocity. An  
29 applicant applying to the department for registration by reciprocity  
30 must furnish satisfactory evidence that the applicant holds both a:

31 (a) Valid registration or license issued by another registration  
32 authority recognized by the department, where the qualifications for  
33 registration or licensure are substantially equivalent to those  
34 required by this chapter on the date of original registration or  
35 licensure with the other registration authority; and

36 (b) Current certificate number issued by the national council for  
37 interior design qualification.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    The department shall grant a certificate of  
2 registration to an applicant who meets the requirements of section 4 of  
3 this act beginning July 1, 2006. After July 1, 2007, a person may not  
4 use the title "registered interior designer" in this state or any other  
5 title, designation, sign, card, or device indicating that the person is  
6 a registered interior designer unless he or she is registered under  
7 this chapter. Every holder of a certificate of registration under this  
8 chapter must display it in a conspicuous place in the holder's  
9 principal office, place of business, or employment. No corporation,  
10 firm, partnership, or association may be granted a certificate of  
11 registration under this chapter.

12        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 6.**    The renewal date for certificates of  
13 registration shall be set by the department. A registered interior  
14 designer who fails to pay the renewal fee within thirty days of the due  
15 date shall pay all delinquent renewal fees, plus a penalty equal to  
16 one-third of the renewal fee. A registered interior designer who fails  
17 to pay a renewal fee for a period of five years may be reinstated under  
18 such circumstances as the department determines.

19        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 7.**    An interior designer registered under this  
20 chapter must complete ten hours of continuing education instruction  
21 every two years.

22        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 8.**    The department may issue a new certificate  
23 of registration to replace a lost, destroyed, or mutilated certificate.  
24 The director must charge a fee as determined by RCW 43.24.086 for the  
25 issuance of the new certificate.

26        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 9.**    The uniform regulation of business and  
27 professions act, chapter 18.235 RCW, governs the issuance and denial of  
28 certificates of registration and the discipline of registrants under  
29 this chapter.

30        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 10.**    (1) All fees and fines collected under the  
31 provisions of this chapter must be paid into the interior designers  
32 account created in subsection (2) of this section.

1           (2) The interior designers account is created in the custody of  
2 the state treasurer. All receipts from fees and fines collected under  
3 this chapter must be deposited into the account. Expenditures from the  
4 account may be used only to carry out the duties required for the  
5 operation and enforcement of this chapter. Only the director of  
6 licensing or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from  
7 the account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under  
8 chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for  
9 expenditures.

10           NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** (1) This chapter does not affect or prevent  
11 the practice of architecture under chapter 18.08 RCW or engineering  
12 under chapter 18.43 RCW.

13           (2) This chapter does not prevent any individual from offering or  
14 providing interior design services provided they do not use the title  
15 "registered interior designer."

16           (3) This chapter does not prevent any individual from using the  
17 term "interior designer."

18           NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** This act may be known and cited as the  
19 registered interior designer professionals act of 2005.

20           NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** Sections 1 through 12 of this act  
21 constitute a new chapter in Title 18 RCW.

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