

**HB 3223 - DIGEST**

Declares that the purpose of the act is to safeguard public health and life safety, to promote the public welfare by improving the quality of human environmental design, and to limit the practice of interior design to persons having specific design education, experience, and examination.

Requires the registration of interior designers and each applicant for registration is required to hold an accredited certificate, diploma, or degree in interior design.

Provides that, as of January 1, 2012, all interior design programs must be accredited by the council for interior design accreditation or be an interior design program determined by the board to be substantially equivalent to an accredited program.

Provides for alternate requirements for persons who apply for interior design registration or licensure.

Requires the governor to appoint seven board members to an interior design board.

Provides that this act does not apply to: (1) Licensed architects registered or licensed under this state, providing that such architects not refer to themselves as registered interior designers unless registered by this act; or

(2) An employee of a retail establishment providing consultation regarding interior decoration or furnishings on the premises of the retail establishment or in the furtherance of a retail sale or prospective retail sale, providing such persons do not refer to themselves as a registered interior designer.

Provides that the interior design board shall establish punishments for violations of this act.