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Passed by the Senate March 8, 2010 CERTIFICATE YEAS 42 NAYS 5 I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of BRAD OWEN Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5529** as President of the Senate passed by the Senate and the House Passed by the House March 3, 2010 of Representatives on the dates YEAS 98 NAYS 0 hereon set forth. FRANK CHOPP THOMAS HOEMANN Speaker of the House of Representatives Secretary Approved March 19, 2010, 1:46 p.m. FILED March 19, 2010

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- AN ACT Relating to architects; amending RCW 18.08.310, 18.08.320,
- 2 18.08.330, 18.08.340, 18.08.350, 18.08.360, 18.08.370, 18.08.410,
- 3 18.08.420, and 18.08.430; and providing effective dates.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.08.310 and 1985 c 37 s 2 are each amended to read 6 as follows:
- 7 (1) It is unlawful for any person to practice or offer to practice 8 architecture in this state, ((architecture,)) or to use in connection
- 9 with his or her name or otherwise assume, use, or advertise any title
- 10 or description including the word "architect," "architecture,"
- 11 "architectural," or language tending to imply that he or she is an
- 12 architect, unless the person is registered or authorized to practice in
- 13 the state of Washington under this chapter.
- 14 (2) An architect or architectural firm registered in any other
- 15 jurisdiction recognized by the board may offer to practice architecture
- 16 in this state if:
- 17 (a) It is clearly and prominently stated in such an offer that the
- 18 architect or firm is not registered to practice architecture in the
- 19 state of Washington; and

- (b) Prior to practicing architecture or signing a contract to 1 2 provide architectural services, the architect or firm must be registered to practice architecture in this state. 3
- (3) A person who has an accredited architectural degree may use the title "intern architect" when enrolled in a structured intern program recognized by the board and working under the direct supervision of an 7 architect.
- (4) The provisions of this section shall not affect the use of the 8 9 words "architect," "architecture," or "architectural" where a person does not practice or offer to practice architecture. 10
- 11 Sec. 2. RCW 18.08.320 and 1985 c 37 s 3 are each amended to read 12 as follows:
- ((Unless the context clearly requires otherwise,)) The definitions 13 in this section apply throughout this chapter <u>unless</u> the <u>context</u> 14 clearly requires otherwise. 15
 - (1) "Accredited architectural degree" means a professional degree from an institution of higher education accredited by the national <u>architectural accreditation board or an equivalent degree in</u> architecture as determined by the board.
 - (2) "Administration of the construction contract" means the periodic observation of materials and work to observe the general compliance with the construction contract documents, and does not include responsibility for supervising construction methods processes, site conditions, equipment operations, personnel, or safety on the work site.
- 26 $((\frac{2}{2}))$ (3) "Architect" means an individual who is registered under this chapter to practice architecture. 27
- 28 $((\frac{3}{1}))$ (4) "Board" means the state board $(\frac{3}{1})$ registration)) for 29 architects.
- $((\frac{4}{1}))$ (5) "Certificate of authorization" means a certificate 30 31 issued by the director to a ((corporation-or-partnership)) business entity that authorizes the entity to practice architecture. 32
- $((\frac{5}{1}))$ (6) "Certificate of registration" means the certificate 33 issued by the director to newly registered architects. 34
- (((6))) (7) "Department" means the department of licensing. 35
- 36 $((\frac{7}{1}))$ (8) "Director" means the director of licensing.

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 $((\frac{8}{8}))$ (9) "Engineer" means an individual who is registered as an engineer under chapter 18.43 RCW.

- $((\frac{(9)}{)})$ (10) "Person" means any individual, partnership, professional service corporation, corporation, joint stock association, joint venture, or any other entity authorized to do business in the state.
- (((10))) (11) "Practice of architecture" means the rendering of services in connection with the art and science of building design for construction of any structure or grouping of structures and the use of space within and surrounding the structures or the design for construction of alterations or additions to the structures, including but not specifically limited to <u>predesign services</u>, schematic design, design development, preparation of construction contract documents, and administration of the construction contract.
- ((\(\frac{(11)}{11}\))) (12) _ "Prototypical __documents" _ means __drawings _ or specifications, prepared by a person registered as an architect in any state or as otherwise approved by the board, that are not intended as final and complete technical submissions for a building project, but rather are to serve as a prototype for a building or buildings to be adapted by an architect for construction in more than one location.
- (13) "Registered" means holding a currently valid certificate of registration or certificate of authorization issued by the director authorizing the practice of architecture.
- $((\frac{12}{12}))$ (14) "Structure" means any construction consisting of load-bearing members such as the foundation, roof, floors, walls, columns, girders, and beams or a combination of any number of these parts, with or without other parts or appurtenances.
- (15) "Review" means a process of examination and evaluation, of the documents, for compliance with applicable laws, codes, and regulations affecting the built environment that includes the ability to control the final product.
- (16) "Registered professional design firm" means a business entity registered in Washington to offer and provide architectural services under RCW 18.08.420.
- 35 (17) "Managers" means the members of a limited liability company in which management of its business is vested in the members, and the managers of a limited liability company in which management of its business is vested in one or more managers.

Sec. 3. RCW 18.08.330 and 1985 c 37 s 4 are each amended to read 2 as follows:

There is ((hereby)) created a state board ((of registration)) for architects consisting of seven members who shall be appointed by the governor. Six members shall be registered architects who are residents of the state and have at least eight years' experience in the practice of architecture as registered architects in responsible charge of architectural work or responsible charge of architectural teaching. One member shall be a public member, who is not and has never been a registered architect and who does not employ and is not employed by or professionally or financially associated with an architect.

The terms of each newly appointed member shall be six years. ((The members of the board of registration for architects serving on July 28, 1985, shall serve out the remainders of their existing five year terms. The term of the public member shall coincide with the term of an architect.))

Every member of the board shall receive a certificate of appointment from the governor. On the expiration of the term of each member, the governor shall appoint a successor to serve for a term of six years or until the next successor has been appointed.

The governor may remove any member of the board for cause. Vacancies in the board for any reason shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term.

The board shall elect a ((chairman)) chair, a ((vice-chairman)) vice-chair, and a secretary. The secretary may delegate his or her authority to the executive ((secretary)) director.

Members of the board shall be compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.240 and shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

- **Sec. 4.** RCW 18.08.340 and 2002 c 86 s 201 are each amended to read 31 as follows:
- 32 (1) The board may adopt such rules under chapter 34.05 RCW as are 33 necessary for the proper performance of its duties under this chapter.
- 34 (2) The director shall employ an executive ((secretary)) director 35 subject to approval by the board.

Sec. 5. RCW 18.08.350 and 1997 c 169 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

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- (1) A certificate of registration shall be granted by the director to all qualified applicants who are certified by the board as having passed the required examination and as having given satisfactory proof of completion of the required experience.
- (2) Applications for examination shall be filed as the board prescribes by rule. The application and examination fees shall be determined by the director under RCW 43.24.086.
- (3) An applicant for registration as an architect shall be of a good moral character, at least eighteen years of age, and shall possess ((either)) one of the following qualifications:
- (a) Have an accredited architectural degree and <u>at least</u> three years' practical architectural work experience ((and have completed the requirements of)) in a structured intern training program approved by the board; or
- (b) Have ((eight years' practical architectural work experience, which may include designing buildings as a principal activity, and have completed-the-requirements-of-a-structured-intern-training-program approved by the board. Each year spent in an accredited architectural education program approved by the board shall be considered one year of practical experience. At least four years' practical work experience shall be under the direct supervision of an architect)) a high school <u>diploma or equivalent and at least nine years of practical</u> architectural work experience, including the completion of a structured intern training program under the direct supervision of an architect as determined by the board. Prior to applying to enroll in a structured intern training program, the applicant must have at least six years of work experience, of which three years must be under the direct <u>supervision of an architect. This work experience may include</u> designing buildings as a principal activity and postsecondary education as determined by the board. The board may approve up to four years of practical architectural work experience for postsecondary education courses in architecture, architectural technology, or a related field, as determined by the board, including courses completed in a community or technical college if the courses are equivalent to courses in an accredited architectural degree program.

- **Sec. 6.** RCW 18.08.360 and 1985 c 37 s 7 are each amended to read 2 as follows:
 - (1) The examination for an architect's certificate of registration shall be held at least annually at such time and place as the board determines.
 - (2) The board shall determine the content, scope, and grading process of the examination. The board may adopt an appropriate national examination and grading procedure.
- (3) Applicants who fail to pass any section of the examination shall be permitted to retake the parts failed as prescribed by the board. Applicants have five years from the date of the first passed examination section to pass all remaining sections. If the entire examination is not successfully completed within five years, ((a retake of the entire examination shall be required)) any sections that were passed more than five years prior must be retaken. If a candidate fails to pass all remaining sections within the initial five-year period, the candidate is given a new five-year period from the date of the second oldest passed section. All sections of the examination must be passed within a single five-year period for the applicant to be deemed to have passed the complete examination.
- 21 (4) Applicants for registration who have an accredited
 22 architectural degree may begin taking the examination upon enrollment
 23 in a structured intern training program as approved by the board.
 24 Applicants who do not possess an accredited architectural degree may
 25 take the examination only after completing the experience and intern
 26 training requirements of this chapter.
- **Sec. 7.** RCW 18.08.370 and 1985 c 37 s 8 are each amended to read 28 as follows:
 - (1) The director shall issue a certificate of registration to any applicant who has, to the satisfaction of the board, met all the requirements for registration upon payment of the registration fee as provided in this chapter. All certificates of registration shall show the full name of the registrant, have the registration number, and shall be signed by the ((chairman)) chair of the board and by the director. The issuance of a certificate of registration by the director is prima facie evidence that the person named therein is entitled to all the rights and privileges of a registered architect.

(2) Each registrant shall obtain a seal of the design authorized by the board bearing the architect's name, registration number, the legend "Registered Architect," and the name of this state. ((Drawings prepared by the registrant shall be sealed and signed by the registrant when—filed—with—public—authorities.)) All technical submissions prepared by an architect and filed with public authorities must be sealed and signed by the architect. It is unlawful to seal and sign a document after a registrant's certificate of registration or authorization has expired, been revoked, or is suspended.

- 10 (3) An architect may seal and sign technical submissions under the following conditions:
- 12 (a) An architect may seal and sign technical submissions that are:
 13 Prepared by the architect; prepared by the architect's regularly
 14 employed subordinates; prepared in part by an individual or firm under
 15 a direct subcontract with the architect; or prepared in collaboration
 16 with an architect who is licensed in a jurisdiction recognized by the
 17 board, provided there is a contractual agreement between the
 18 architects.
 - (b) An architect may seal and sign technical submissions based on prototypical documents provided: The architect obtains written permission from the architect who prepared or sealed the prototypical documents, and from the legal owner to adapt the prototypical documents; the architect thoroughly analyzes the prototypical documents, makes necessary revisions, and adds all required elements and design information, including the design services of engineering consultants, if warranted, so that the prototypical documents become suitable complete technical submissions, in compliance with applicable codes, regulations, and site-specific requirements.
- 29 <u>(c) An architect who seals and signs the technical submissions</u>
 30 <u>under this subsection (3) is responsible to the same extent as if the</u>
 31 <u>technical submissions were prepared by the architect.</u>
- **Sec. 8.** RCW 18.08.410 and 1985 c 37 s 12 are each amended to read 33 as follows:
- 34 This chapter shall not affect or prevent:
- 35 (1) The practice of naval architecture, landscape architecture <u>as</u>
 36 <u>authorized in chapter 18.96 RCW</u>, engineering <u>as authorized in chapter</u>
 37 <u>18.43 RCW</u>, <u>or the provision of space planning((-)) or interior</u>

- design((, or any legally recognized profession or trade by persons not
 registered-as-architects)) services not affecting public health or
 safety;
 - (2) Drafters, clerks, project managers, superintendents, and other employees of architects((, engineers, naval architects, or landscape architects)) from acting under the instructions, control, or supervision of ((their employers)) an architect;
 - (3) The construction, alteration, or supervision of construction of buildings or structures by contractors <u>registered under chapter 18.27</u> <u>RCW</u> or superintendents employed by contractors or the preparation of shop drawings in connection therewith;
 - (4) Owners or contractors <u>registered under chapter 18.27 RCW</u> from engaging persons who are not architects to observe and supervise construction of a project;
 - (5) Any person from doing design work including preparing construction contract documents and administration of the construction contract for the erection, enlargement, repair, or alteration of a structure or any appurtenance to a structure regardless of size, if the structure is to be used for a residential building of up to and including four dwelling units or a farm building or is a structure used in connection with or auxiliary to such residential building or farm building such as a garage, barn, shed, or shelter for animals or machinery;
 - (6) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person from doing design work including preparing construction contract documents and administering the contract for construction, erection, enlargement, alteration, or repairs of or to a building of any occupancy up to a total building size of four thousand square feet ((of construction)); or
- (7) ((Design build construction by registered general contractors if -the -structural -design -services are -performed by -a -registered engineer;
 - (8) Any person from designing buildings or doing other design work for any structure prior to the time of filing for a building permit; or
- (9) Any person from designing buildings or doing other design work for structures larger than those exempted under subsections (5) and (6) of this section, if the plans, which may include such design work, are stamped by a registered engineer or architect)) Any person from doing

- 1 <u>design work, including preparing construction contract documents and</u>
- 2 <u>administration of the contract, for alteration of or repairs to a</u>
- 3 <u>building where the project size is not more than four thousand square</u>
- 4 <u>feet in a building greater than four thousand square feet and when the</u>
- 5 work contemplated by the design does not affect the life safety or
- 6 structural systems of the building. The combined square footage of
- 7 <u>simultaneous projects allowed under this subsection (7) may not exceed</u>
- 8 <u>four thousand square feet</u>.

- **Sec. 9.** RCW 18.08.420 and 2002 c 86 s 203 are each amended to read 10 as follows:
 - (1) ((An architect or architects may organize a corporation formed either as a business corporation under the provisions of Title 23B RCW or as a professional corporation under the provisions of chapter 18.100 RCW. For an architect or architects to practice architecture through a corporation or joint stock association organized by any person under Title 23B RCW, the corporation or joint stock association shall file with the board:
 - (a) The application for certificate of authorization upon a form to be-prescribed-by-the-board-and-containing-information-required-to enable-the-board-to-determine-whether-the-corporation-is-qualified under this chapter to practice architecture in this state;
 - (b) Its notices of incorporation and bylaws and a certified copy of a-resolution—of—the—board—of—directors—of—the—corporation—that designates individuals registered under this chapter as responsible for the practice of architecture by the corporation in this state and that provides that full authority to make all final architectural decisions on—behalf—of—the—corporation—with—respect—to—work—performed—by—the corporation in this state shall be—granted and delegated by the—board of—directors—to—the—individuals—designated—in—the—resolution.—The filing—of—the—resolution—shall—not—relieve—the—corporation—of—any responsibility or liability imposed upon it by law or by contract; and
 - (c) A designation in writing setting forth the name or names of the person or persons registered under this chapter who are responsible for the architecture of the firm. If there is a change in the person or persons responsible for the architecture of the firm, the changes shall be designated in writing and filed with the board within thirty days after—the—effective—date—of—the—changes.)) Any business entity,

- including a sole proprietorship, offering architecture services in Washington state must register with the board, regardless of its business structure. A business entity shall file with the board a list of individuals registered under this chapter as responsible for the practice of architecture by the business entity in this state and provides that full authority to make all final architectural decisions on behalf of the business entity with respect to work performed by the business entity in this state. Further, the person having the practice of architecture in his/her charge is himself/herself a general partner (if a partnership or limited liability partnership), or a manager (if a limited liability company), or a director (if a business corporation or professional service corporation) and is registered to practice architecture in this state.
 - (2) The <u>business entity shall furnish the board with such information about its organization and activities as the board shall require by rule.</u>
 - (3) Upon the filing with the board of the application for certificate of authorization, the certified copy of the resolution, and the information specified in subsection (1) of this section, the board shall authorize the director to issue to the ((corporation)) business entity a certificate of authorization to practice architecture in this state ((upon a determination by the board that:
 - (a)—The—bylaws—of—the—corporation—contain—provisions—that—all architectural—decisions—pertaining—to—any—project—or—architectural activities—in—this—state—shall—be—made—by—the—specified—architects responsible—for—the—project—or—architectural—activities,—or—other responsible—architects—under—the—direction—or—supervision—of—the architects responsible for the project or architectural activities;
 - (b) The applicant corporation has the ability to provide, through qualified personnel, professional services or creative work requiring architectural experience, and with respect to the architectural services that the corporation undertakes or offers to undertake, the personnel have the ability to apply special knowledge to the professional services or creative work such as consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning, design, and administration of the construction contract in connection with any public or private structures, buildings, equipment, processes, works, or projects;

(c) The application for certificate of authorization contains the professional-records-of-the-designated-person-or-persons-who-are responsible:

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- $\begin{tabular}{lll} (d)-The-application-for-certificate-of-authorization-states-the \\ experience-of-the-corporation,-if-any,-in-furnishing-architectural \\ services-during-the-preceding-five-year-period; \end{tabular}$
- (e) The applicant corporation meets such other requirements related to professional competence in the furnishing of architectural services as may be established and promulgated by the board in furtherance of the purposes of this chapter; and
- (f)-The-applicant-corporation-is-possessed-of-the-ability-and competence to furnish architectural services in the public interest.
- (3) Upon recommendation of the board to impose action as authorized in RCW 18.235.110, the director may impose the recommended action upon a certificate of authorization to a corporation if the board finds that any-of-the-officers,-directors,-incorporators,-or-the-stockholders holding a majority of stock of the corporation have committed an act prohibited-under-RCW-18.08.440-or-18.235.130-or-have-been-found personally responsible for misconduct under-subsection (6) or (7) of this section.
- (4)—In—the—event—a—corporation,—organized—solely—by—a—group—of architects—each—registered—under—this—chapter,—applies—for—a certificate of authorization, the board may, in—its discretion, grant a—certificate of authorization to that corporation based on a review of the professional records of such incorporators, in lieu of the required qualifications set—forth—in subsections—(1)—and (2)—of—this section. In—the—event—the—ownership—of—such—corporation—is—altered,—the corporation—shall—apply—for—a—revised—certificate—of—authorization, based—upon—the—professional—records—of—the—owners—if—exclusively architects, under—the—qualifications required—by—subsections—(1)—and (2)—of—this section)).
- (((5))) (4) Any ((corporation)) business entity practicing or offering to practice architecture, whether or not it is authorized to practice architecture under this chapter, ((together with its directors and officers for their own individual acts, are)) shall be jointly and severally responsible to the same degree as an individual registered architect and shall conduct their business without misconduct or malpractice in the practice of architecture as defined in this chapter.

- (((6))) (<u>5)</u> Any ((corporation)) <u>business_entity</u> that has been certified under this chapter and has engaged in the practice of architecture may have its certificate of authorization either suspended or revoked by the board if, after a proper hearing, the board finds that the ((corporation)) <u>business entity</u> has committed misconduct or malpractice under RCW 18.08.440 or 18.235.130. In such a case, any individual architect registered under this chapter who is involved in such misconduct <u>or malpractice</u> is also subject to disciplinary measures provided in this chapter and RCW 18.235.110.
- ((7) All plans, specifications, designs, and reports when issued in connection with work performed by a corporation under its certificate of authorization shall be prepared by or under the direction of the designated architects and shall be signed by and stamped with the official seal of the designated architects in the corporation authorized under this chapter.
- (8)) (6) For each certificate of authorization issued under this section there shall be paid a certification fee and an annual certification renewal fee as prescribed by the director under RCW 43.24.086.
- 20 (((9) This chapter shall not affect the practice of architecture as 21 a professional service corporation under chapter 18.100 RCW.))
- **Sec. 10.** RCW 18.08.430 and 1985 c 37 s 14 are each amended to read 23 as follows:
 - (1) The renewal date for certificates of registration shall be set by the director in accordance with RCW 43.24.086. Registrants who fail to pay the renewal fee within thirty days of the due date shall pay all delinquent fees plus a penalty fee equal to one-third of the renewal fee. A registrant who fails to pay a renewal fee for a period of five years may be reinstated under such circumstances as the board determines. The renewal and penalty fees and the frequency of renewal assessment shall be authorized under this chapter. Renewal date for certificates of authorization shall be the anniversary of the date of authorization.
 - (2) Any registrant in good standing may withdraw from the practice of architecture by giving written notice to the director, and may within five years thereafter resume active practice upon payment of the

- then-current renewal fee. A registrant may be reinstated after a withdrawal of more than five years under such circumstances as the board determines.
- 4 (3) <u>A registered architect must demonstrate professional</u> development since the architect's last renewal or initial registration, 5 as the case may be. The board shall by rule describe professional 6 development activities acceptable to the board and the form of 7 documentation of the activities required by the board. The board may 8 <u>decline to renew a registration if the architect's professional</u> 9 development activities do not meet the standards set by the board by 10 rule. When adopting rules under the authority of this subsection, the 11 12 board shall strive to ensure that the rules are consistent with the 13 continuing professional education requirements and systems in use by 14 national professional organizations representing architects and in use by other states. 15
- 16 <u>(a) A registered architect shall, as part of his or her license</u>
 17 <u>renewal, certify that he or she has completed the required continuing</u>
 18 professional development required by this section.
- 19 <u>(b) The board may adopt reasonable exemptions from the requirements</u> 20 of this section.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. Sections 7 through 10 of this act take effect July 1, 2011.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. Section 5 of this act takes effect July 1, 2012, and all persons enrolled in an intern training program as approved by the board before July 1, 2012, shall be governed by the statute in effect at the time of enrollment in the program.

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