

AN ACT

relating to the registration requirements for certain retired architects.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 1051, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1051.357 to read as follows:

Sec. 1051.357. EMERITUS STATUS. (a) The board by rule shall establish a procedure by which an architect may place the person's certificate of registration on emeritus status. The person must apply for emeritus status, on a form prescribed by the board, before the person's certificate of registration expires.

(b) An architect is eligible for emeritus status if the architect:

(1) has been an architect for 20 years or more; and

(2) is 65 years of age or older.

(c) A person whose certificate of registration is on emeritus status:

(1) may not engage in the practice of architecture except for the preparation of plans and specifications described by Section 1051.056(a)(3) or (4);

(2) may use the title "Emeritus Architect" or "Architect Emeritus";

(3) must pay a renewal fee on a date and in a manner prescribed by board rule; and

1 (4) is exempt from continuing education requirements
2 under this chapter.

3 (d) The board shall remove a person's certificate of
4 registration from emeritus status if the person:

5 (1) requests in writing that the board remove the
6 person's certificate of registration from emeritus status;

7 (2) pays an administrative fee; and

8 (3) complies with education or other requirements
9 established by board rule.

10 (e) The renewal fee charged under Subsection (c) may not
11 exceed an amount reasonable and necessary to recover the costs to
12 administer this section.

13 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2004, the Texas Board
14 of Architectural Examiners shall adopt the rules and set the fees
15 required by Section 1051.357, Occupations Code, as added by this
16 Act.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1526 was passed by the House on April 25, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1526 was passed by the Senate on May 27, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor