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H.B. No. 1526

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the registration requirements for certain retired or part-time 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) does not engage in the practice of architecture full-time.

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

(1) may not engage in the practice of architecture full-time; and

(2) must pay a renewal fee not to exceed \$50 on a date and in a manner prescribed by board rule.

(d) The board by rule may:

(1) define what constitutes full-time practice; and

1 (2) restrict the professional activities that may be
2 performed by a person whose certificate of registration is on
3 emeritus status.

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

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

8 (2) pays an administrative fee; and

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

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

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