

1-1 By: Geren (Senate Sponsor - Harris) H.B. No. 1526  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 28, 2003;  
1-3 May 1, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Business  
1-4 and Commerce; May 19, 2003, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the registration requirements for certain retired  
1-9 architects.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 1051, Occupations Code, is  
1-12 amended by adding Section 1051.357 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 1051.357. EMERITUS STATUS. (a) The board by rule  
1-14 shall establish a procedure by which an architect may place the  
1-15 person's certificate of registration on emeritus status. The  
1-16 person must apply for emeritus status, on a form prescribed by the  
1-17 board, before the person's certificate of registration expires.

1-18 (b) An architect is eligible for emeritus status if the  
1-19 architect:

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

1-21 (2) is 65 years of age or older.

1-22 (c) A person whose certificate of registration is on  
1-23 emeritus status:

1-24 (1) may not engage in the practice of architecture  
1-25 except for the preparation of plans and specifications described by  
1-26 Section 1051.056(a)(3) or (4);

1-27 (2) may use the title "Emeritus Architect" or  
1-28 "Architect Emeritus";

1-29 (3) must pay a renewal fee on a date and in a manner  
1-30 prescribed by board rule; and

1-31 (4) is exempt from continuing education requirements  
1-32 under this chapter.

1-33 (d) The board shall remove a person's certificate of  
1-34 registration from emeritus status if the person:

1-35 (1) requests in writing that the board remove the  
1-36 person's certificate of registration from emeritus status;

1-37 (2) pays an administrative fee; and

1-38 (3) complies with education or other requirements  
1-39 established by board rule.

1-40 (e) The renewal fee charged under Subsection (c) may not  
1-41 exceed an amount reasonable and necessary to recover the costs to  
1-42 administer this section.

1-43 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2004, the Texas Board  
1-44 of Architectural Examiners shall adopt the rules and set the fees  
1-45 required by Section 1051.357, Occupations Code, as added by this  
1-46 Act.

1-47 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-48 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-49 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-50 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-51 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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