

AN ACT

relating to the use of certain professional titles by interior designers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1053.002(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) This chapter does not apply to:

(1) a person who:

(A) does not use the title "interior designer" and does not use the term "interior design" to describe a service the person offers or performs; and

(B) is an interior designer licensed or registered in another state or country who:

(i) does not open or maintain a business in this state; and

(ii) complies with the requirements of Subsection (b); ~~or~~

(2) a person who is registered to practice architecture in this state; or

(3) a person who does not use a business or professional title that uses the phrase "registered interior designer."

SECTION 2. Section 1053.151, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

1           Sec. 1053.151. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. A person other than  
2 an interior designer may not~~+~~

3                   ~~[(1)]~~ represent that the person is a "registered ~~[an~~  
4 "] interior designer" by using that title or by using words that  
5 imply that the person is a registered interior designer ~~[, or~~

6                   ~~[(2)]~~ ~~represent, by using the term "interior design," a~~  
7 ~~service the person offers or performs].~~

8           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1484 was passed by the House on April 7, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1484 was passed by the Senate on April 27, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor