

1-1 By: Pitts (Senate Sponsor - Fraser) H.B. No. 1484  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 8, 2009;  
1-3 April 15, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Business and Commerce; April 23, 2009, reported favorably by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; April 23, 2009, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the use of certain professional titles by interior  
1-9 designers.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 1053.002(a), Occupations Code, is  
1-12 amended to read as follows:

1-13 (a) This chapter does not apply to:

1-14 (1) a person who:

1-15 (A) does not use the title "interior designer"  
1-16 and does not use the term "interior design" to describe a service  
1-17 the person offers or performs; and

1-18 (B) is an interior designer licensed or  
1-19 registered in another state or country who:

1-20 (i) does not open or maintain a business in  
1-21 this state; and

1-22 (ii) complies with the requirements of  
1-23 Subsection (b); ~~or~~

1-24 (2) a person who is registered to practice  
1-25 architecture in this state; or

1-26 (3) a person who does not use a business or  
1-27 professional title that uses the phrase "registered interior  
1-28 designer."

1-29 SECTION 2. Section 1053.151, Occupations Code, is amended  
1-30 to read as follows:

1-31 Sec. 1053.151. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. A person other than  
1-32 an interior designer may not ~~+~~

1-33 ~~[(1)]~~ represent that the person is a "registered ~~an~~  
1-34 "] interior designer" by using that title or by using words that  
1-35 imply that the person is a registered interior designer ~~+~~ or

1-36 ~~[(2) represent, by using the term "interior design," a~~  
1-37 ~~service the person offers or performs].~~

1-38 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-39 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-40 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-41 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-42 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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