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S.B. No. 1698

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the use of certain professional titles by interior
3 designers.

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

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

7 (a) This chapter does not apply to:

8 (1) a person who:

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 SECTION 2. Section 1053.151, Occupations Code, is amended
24 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 ~~[an]~~ "licensed
4 interior designer" or a "registered interior designer" by using
5 that title or by using words that imply that the person is a
6 licensed or registered interior designer ~~[+or~~

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

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