H.B. No. 2868

AN ACT

relating to the procurement of interior design services by a governmental entity.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 2254.002(2), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(2)  "Professional services" means services:

(A)  within the scope of the practice, as defined by state law, of:

(i)  accounting;

(ii)  architecture;

(iii)  landscape architecture;

(iv)  land surveying;

(v)  medicine;

(vi)  optometry;

(vii)  professional engineering;

(viii)  real estate appraising; or

(ix)  professional nursing; [~~or~~]

(B)  provided in connection with the professional employment or practice of a person who is licensed or registered as:

(i)  a certified public accountant;

(ii)  an architect;

(iii)  a landscape architect;

(iv)  a land surveyor;

(v)  a physician, including a surgeon;

(vi)  an optometrist;

(vii)  a professional engineer;

(viii)  a state certified or state licensed real estate appraiser; or

(ix)  a registered nurse; or

(C)  provided by a person lawfully engaged in interior design, regardless of whether the person is registered as an interior designer under Chapter 1053, Occupations Code.

SECTION 2.  Section 2254.002(2), Government Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a contract entered into on or after October 1, 2019.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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    President of the Senate Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2868 was passed by the House on April 17, 2019, by the following vote:  Yeas 135, Nays 7, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2868 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2019, by the following vote:  Yeas 25, Nays 6.

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Secretary of the Senate

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

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                  Governor