

**HOUSE BILL NO. 291**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE CLAMAN**

**Introduced: 2/24/20**

**Referred: Labor & Commerce, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to commercial interior designers and commercial interior design;**  
2 **establishing registration and other requirements for the practice of professional**  
3 **commercial interior design; relating to the State Board of Registration for Architects,**  
4 **Engineers, and Land Surveyors; relating to liens for labor or materials furnished;**  
5 **relating to the procurement of commercial interior design services; and providing for an**  
6 **effective date."**

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

8 **\* Section 1.** AS 08.01.010(3) is amended to read:

9 (3) State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, [AND] Land  
10 Surveyors, Landscape Architects, and Commercial Interior Designers  
11 (AS 08.48.011);

12 **\* Sec. 2.** AS 08.01.065(f) is amended to read:

13 (f) Notwithstanding (c) of this section, the department shall establish fee levels

1 under (a) of this section so that the total amount of fees collected by the State Board of  
 2 Registration for Architects, Engineers, [AND] Land Surveyors, Landscape  
 3 Architects, and Commercial Interior Designers approximately equals the total  
 4 regulatory costs of the department and the board for all occupations regulated by the  
 5 board. The department shall set the fee levels for the issuance and renewal of a  
 6 certificate of registration issued under AS 08.48.211 so that the fee levels are the same  
 7 for all occupations regulated by the board.

8 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 08.03.010(c)(3) is amended to read:

9 (3) State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, [AND] Land  
 10 Surveyors, Landscape Architects, and Commercial Interior Designers  
 11 (AS 08.48.011) - June 30, 2025;

12 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 08.48.011(a) is amended to read:

13 (a) There is created the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers,  
 14 [AND] Land Surveyors, Landscape Architects, and Commercial Interior  
 15 Designers. The board shall administer the provisions of this chapter and comply with  
 16 AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act).

17 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 08.48.011(b) is amended to read:

18 (b) The board consists of **13** [11] members appointed by the governor having  
 19 the qualifications as set out in AS 08.48.031. The board consists of two civil  
 20 engineers, two land surveyors, one mining engineer, one electrical engineer, one [OR]  
 21 mechanical engineer, one engineer from another branch of the profession of  
 22 engineering, two architects, one landscape architect, one commercial interior  
 23 designer, and one public member.

24 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 08.48.061(c) is amended to read:

25 (c) The board may make expenditures from appropriated funds for any  
 26 purpose that is reasonably necessary for the proper performance of its duties under this  
 27 chapter. This may include the expenses of the board delegates to attend meetings of  
 28 councils of architect examiners, engineering examiners, land surveyor examiners,  
 29 commercial interior designer examiners, or landscape architect examiners, or any of  
 30 their subdivisions. The total amount of disbursements issued in payment of the  
 31 expenses incurred under this chapter may not exceed the amount of money

1 appropriated by the legislature.

2 \* **Sec. 7.** AS 08.48.071(f) is amended to read:

3 (f) The department shall assemble statistics relating to the performance of its  
4 staff and the performance of the board, including

5 (1) the number of architects, engineers, land surveyors, **commercial**  
6 **interior designers**, and landscape architects registered over a five-year period;

7 (2) the rate of passage of examinations administered by the board;

8 (3) the number of persons making application for registration as a  
9 professional architect, engineer, land surveyor, **commercial interior designer**, or  
10 landscape architect over a five-year period;

11 (4) an account of registration fees collected under AS 08.01.065;

12 (5) a measure of the correspondence workload of any licensing  
13 examiner employed by the department to carry out this chapter.

14 \* **Sec. 8.** AS 08.48.111 is amended to read:

15 **Sec. 08.48.111. Power to revoke, suspend, or reissue certificate.** The board  
16 may suspend, refuse to renew, or revoke the certificate of or reprimand a registrant,  
17 corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership who is found  
18 guilty of (1) fraud or deceit in obtaining a certificate; (2) gross negligence,  
19 incompetence, or misconduct in the practice of architecture, engineering, land  
20 surveying, **commercial interior design**, or landscape architecture; or (3) a violation of  
21 this chapter, a regulation adopted under this chapter, or the code of ethics or  
22 professional conduct as adopted by the board. The code of ethics or professional  
23 conduct shall be distributed in writing to every registrant and applicant for registration  
24 under this chapter. This publication and distribution of the code of ethics or  
25 professional conduct constitutes due notice to all registrants. The board may revise and  
26 amend its code and, upon doing so, shall immediately notify each registrant in writing  
27 of the revisions or amendments. The board may, upon petition of the registrant,  
28 corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership, reissue a  
29 certificate if a majority of the members of the board vote in favor of the reissuance.

30 \* **Sec. 9.** AS 08.48.171 is amended to read:

31 **Sec. 08.48.171. General requirements and qualifications for registration.**

1 An applicant for registration as an architect, engineer, land surveyor, **commercial**  
 2 **interior designer**, or landscape architect must be of good character and reputation and  
 3 shall submit evidence satisfactory to the board of the applicant's education, training,  
 4 and experience. However, an applicant for registration as a land surveyor may not be  
 5 required to submit evidence of more than eight years of any combination of education,  
 6 experience, or training.

7 \* **Sec. 10.** AS 08.48.181 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 (b) Except as provided in AS 08.48.191, for registration as a professional  
 9 commercial interior designer, a person shall be examined in this state in accordance  
 10 with the regulations of procedure and standards adopted by the board under AS 44.62  
 11 (Administrative Procedure Act). The procedure and standards must include meeting all  
 12 eligibility requirements in (a) of this section and successfully completing the  
 13 examination administered by the Council for Interior Design Qualification or its  
 14 successor.

15 \* **Sec. 11.** AS 08.48.191 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

16 (e) A person holding a certificate of registration authorizing the person to  
 17 practice commercial interior design in a state, territory, or possession of the United  
 18 States, the District of Columbia, or a foreign country that, in the opinion of the board,  
 19 meets the requirements of this chapter, based on verified evidence, may, upon  
 20 application, be registered in accordance with the regulations of the board.

21 \* **Sec. 12.** AS 08.48.201(a) is amended to read:

22 (a) Application for registration as a professional architect, a professional  
 23 engineer, a professional land surveyor, **a professional commercial interior designer**,  
 24 or a professional landscape architect shall

25 (1) be on a form prescribed and furnished by the board;

26 (2) contain statements made under oath, showing the applicant's  
 27 education and a detailed summary of the applicant's technical experience; and

28 (3) contain five references, three of whom must be architects for  
 29 architectural registration, engineers for engineering registration, land surveyors for  
 30 land surveying registration, **architects or commercial interior designers for**  
 31 **commercial interior design registration**, and landscape architects for landscape

1 architectural registration, having personal knowledge of the applicant's architectural,  
 2 engineering, land surveying, **commercial interior design**, or landscape architectural  
 3 education, training, or experience.

4 \* **Sec. 13.** AS 08.48.211 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 08.48.211. Certificate of registration.** (a) An applicant who fulfills the  
 6 requirements set out by the board shall be awarded a certificate of registration as a  
 7 professional architect, engineer, land surveyor, **commercial interior designer**, or  
 8 landscape architect, authorizing the holder to offer or perform architectural,  
 9 engineering, land surveying, **commercial interior design**, or landscape architectural  
 10 services or work for the public, or to certify or sign architectural, engineering, land  
 11 surveying, **commercial interior design**, or landscape architectural documents.  
 12 Certificates of registration issued under this section shall be inscribed on their face in a  
 13 manner determined by the board.

14 (b) The certificate of registration sealed by the board is prima facie evidence  
 15 that the person named in it is entitled to all rights and privileges of a professional  
 16 architect, professional engineer, professional land surveyor, **professional commercial**  
 17 **interior designer**, or professional landscape architect while the certificate remains  
 18 unrevoked or unexpired.

19 \* **Sec. 14.** AS 08.48.215(a) is amended to read:

20 (a) On retiring from practice and payment of an appropriate one-time fee, an  
 21 individual who is a registrant in good standing with the board may apply for the  
 22 conversion of a certificate of registration to a retired status registration. An individual  
 23 holding a retired status registration may not practice architecture, engineering, land  
 24 surveying, **commercial interior design**, or landscape architecture in the state. A  
 25 retired status registration is valid for the life of the registration holder and does not  
 26 require renewal.

27 \* **Sec. 15.** AS 08.48.221(a) is amended to read:

28 (a) Each registrant may obtain a seal of the design authorized by the board,  
 29 bearing the registrant's name, registration number, and the legend "Registered  
 30 Professional Architect," "Registered Professional Engineer," "Registered Professional  
 31 Land Surveyor," **"Registered Professional Commercial Interior Designer,"** or

1 "Registered Professional Landscape Architect," as appropriate. When a registrant  
 2 issues final drawings, specifications, surveys, plats, plates, reports, or similar  
 3 documents, the registrant shall stamp the documents with the seal and sign the seal.  
 4 The board shall adopt regulations governing the use of seals by the registrant. An  
 5 architect, engineer, land surveyor, commercial interior designer, or landscape  
 6 architect may not affix or permit a seal and signature to be affixed to an instrument  
 7 after the expiration of a certificate or for the purpose of aiding or abetting another  
 8 person to evade or attempt to evade a provision of this chapter. The registrant, by  
 9 affixing the registrant's seal to final drawings, specifications, surveys, plats, plates,  
 10 reports, or similar documents, and by signing the seal, certifies that the documents  
 11 were prepared by or under the registrant's direct supervision, are within the registrant's  
 12 field of practice, or constitute design work of minor importance.

13 \* **Sec. 16.** AS 08.48.241(a) is amended to read:

14 (a) This chapter does not prevent a corporation, limited liability company, or  
 15 limited liability partnership from offering architectural, engineering, land surveying,  
 16 commercial interior design, or landscape architectural services; however, the  
 17 corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership shall file with  
 18 the board

19 (1) an application for a certificate of authorization on [UPON] a form  
 20 to be prescribed by the board and containing information required to enable the board  
 21 to determine whether the corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability  
 22 partnership is qualified in accordance with the provisions of this chapter to offer to  
 23 practice architecture, engineering, land surveying, commercial interior design, or  
 24 landscape architecture in this state;

25 (2) a certified copy of a resolution of the board of directors of the  
 26 corporation, the managing members or manager of the limited liability company, or  
 27 the general partners of a limited liability partnership designating persons holding  
 28 certificates of registration under this chapter as responsible for the practice of  
 29 architecture, engineering, land surveying, commercial interior design, or landscape  
 30 architecture by the corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability  
 31 partnership in this state and providing that full authority to make all final architectural,

1 engineering, land surveying, **commercial interior design**, or landscape architectural  
 2 decisions on behalf of the corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability  
 3 partnership with respect to work performed by the corporation, limited liability  
 4 company, or limited liability partnership in this state is granted by the board of  
 5 directors of the corporation, the managing members or manager of the limited liability  
 6 company, or the general partners of the limited liability partnership to the persons  
 7 designated in the resolution; however, the filing of this resolution does not relieve the  
 8 corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership of any  
 9 responsibility or liability imposed **on** [UPON] it by law or by contract;

10 (3) a designation in writing setting out the name of one or more  
 11 persons holding certificates of registration under this chapter who are in responsible  
 12 charge of each major branch of the architectural, engineering, land surveying,  
 13 **commercial interior design**, or landscape architectural activities in which the  
 14 corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership specializes in  
 15 this state; if a change is made in the person in responsible charge of a major branch of  
 16 the architectural, engineering, land surveying, **commercial interior design**, or  
 17 landscape architectural activities, the change shall be designated in writing and filed  
 18 with the board within 30 days after the effective date of the change.

19 \* **Sec. 17.** AS 08.48.241(b) is amended to read:

20 (b) Upon filing with the board the application for certificate of authorization,  
 21 certified copy of resolution, affidavit, and designation of persons specified in this  
 22 section, the board shall, subject to (c) of this section, issue to the corporation, limited  
 23 liability company, or limited liability partnership a certificate of authorization to  
 24 practice architecture, engineering, land surveying, **commercial interior design**, or  
 25 landscape architecture in this state upon a determination by the board that

26 (1) the bylaws of the corporation, the articles of organization or  
 27 operating agreement of the limited liability company, or the partnership agreement of  
 28 the limited liability partnership contain provisions that all architectural, engineering,  
 29 land surveying, **commercial interior design**, or landscape architectural decisions  
 30 pertaining to architectural, engineering, land surveying, **commercial interior design**,  
 31 or landscape architectural activities in this state will be made by the specified

1 architect, engineer, land surveyor, **commercial interior designer**, or landscape  
 2 architect in responsible charge, or other registered architects, engineers, land  
 3 surveyors, **commercial interior designers**, or landscape architects under the direction  
 4 or supervision of the architect, engineer, land surveyor, **commercial interior**  
 5 **designer**, or landscape architect in responsible charge;

6 (2) the application for certificate of authorization states the type of  
 7 architecture, engineering, land surveying, **commercial interior design**, or landscape  
 8 architecture practiced or to be practiced by the corporation, limited liability company,  
 9 or limited liability partnership;

10 (3) the applicant corporation, limited liability company, or limited  
 11 liability partnership has the ability to provide architectural, engineering, land  
 12 surveying, **commercial interior design**, or landscape architectural services;

13 (4) the application for certificate of authorization states the  
 14 professional records of the designated person who is in responsible charge of each  
 15 major branch of architectural, engineering, land surveying, **commercial interior**  
 16 **design**, or landscape architectural activities in which the corporation, limited liability  
 17 company, or limited liability partnership specializes;

18 (5) the application for certificate of authorization states the experience,  
 19 if any, of the corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership in  
 20 furnishing architectural, engineering, land surveying, **commercial interior design**, or  
 21 landscape architectural services during the preceding five-year period;

22 (6) the applicant corporation, limited liability company, or limited  
 23 liability partnership meets other requirements related to professional competence in  
 24 the furnishing of architectural, engineering, land surveying, **commercial interior**  
 25 **design**, or landscape architectural services as may be adopted by the board in  
 26 furtherance of the objectives and provisions of this chapter.

27 \* **Sec. 18.** AS 08.48.241(d) is amended to read:

28 (d) The certificate of authorization must specify the major branches of  
 29 architecture, engineering, land surveying, **commercial interior design**, or landscape  
 30 architecture of which the corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability  
 31 partnership has designated a person in responsible charge as provided in this section.



1 The certificate of authorization shall be conspicuously displayed in the place of  
 2 business of the corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership,  
 3 together with the names of persons designated as being in responsible charge of the  
 4 professional activities.

5 \* **Sec. 19.** AS 08.48.241(e) is amended to read:

6 (e) If a corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership  
 7 that is organized solely by [EITHER] a group of architects, a group of engineers, a  
 8 group of land surveyors, **a group of commercial interior designers**, or a group of  
 9 landscape architects, each holding a certificate of registration under this chapter,  
 10 applies for a certificate of authorization, the board may, in its discretion, grant a  
 11 certificate of authorization to the corporation, limited liability company, or limited  
 12 liability partnership based on a review of the professional records of the incorporators  
 13 of the corporation, organizers of the limited liability company, or partners who formed  
 14 the limited liability partnership in place of the required qualifications set out in this  
 15 section. If the ownership of the corporation is altered, the membership of the limited  
 16 liability company is altered, or the partners of the limited liability partnership change,  
 17 the corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership shall apply  
 18 for a revised certificate of authorization, based **on** [UPON] the professional records of  
 19 the owners of the corporation, the members of the limited liability company, or the  
 20 partners of the limited liability partnership, if exclusively architects, engineers, land  
 21 surveyors, **commercial interior designers**, or landscape architects, or otherwise under  
 22 the qualifications required by (b)(1) - (4) of this section.

23 \* **Sec. 20.** AS 08.48.241(f) is amended to read:

24 (f) A corporation, limited liability company, or a limited liability partnership  
 25 authorized to offer architectural, engineering, land surveying, **commercial interior**  
 26 **design**, or landscape architectural services under this chapter, together with its  
 27 directors, officers, managing members, manager, and partners for their own individual  
 28 acts, is responsible to the same degree as the designated individual registered architect,  
 29 engineer, land surveyor, **commercial interior designer**, or landscape architect, and  
 30 shall conduct its business without misconduct or malpractice in the practice of  
 31 architecture, engineering, land surveying, **commercial interior design**, or landscape

1 architecture as defined in this chapter.

2 \* **Sec. 21.** AS 08.48.241(g) is amended to read:

3 (g) If the board, after a proper hearing, finds that a corporation, limited  
4 liability company, or limited liability partnership holding a certificate of authorization  
5 has committed misconduct or malpractice, the board shall suspend or revoke the  
6 certificate of authorization. The board shall also suspend or revoke the certificate of  
7 registration of any registered individual architect, engineer, land surveyor,  
8 **commercial interior designer**, or landscape architect who, after a proper hearing, is  
9 found by the board to have participated in committing the misconduct or malpractice.

10 \* **Sec. 22.** AS 08.48.251 is amended to read:

11 **Sec. 08.48.251. Certain partnerships.** This chapter does not prevent the  
12 practice of architecture, engineering, land surveying, **commercial interior design**, or  
13 landscape architecture by a partnership if all of the members of the partnership are  
14 architects, engineers, land surveyors, **commercial interior designers**, or landscape  
15 architects legally registered under this chapter. In this section, "partnership" does not  
16 include a limited liability partnership.

17 \* **Sec. 23.** AS 08.48.281(a) is amended to read:

18 (a) A person may not practice or offer to practice the profession of  
19 architecture, engineering, land surveying, **commercial interior design**, or landscape  
20 architecture in the state, or use in connection with the person's name or otherwise  
21 assume or advertise a title or description tending to convey the impression that the  
22 person is an architect, [AN] engineer, [A] land surveyor, **commercial interior**  
23 **designer**, or [A] landscape architect, unless the person has been registered under the  
24 provisions of this chapter or is a person to whom these provisions do not apply, or, in  
25 the case of a corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership,  
26 unless it has been authorized under this chapter.

27 \* **Sec. 24.** AS 08.48.281 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

28 (c) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, this chapter does not prohibit the  
29 practice of commercial interior design by a person who is not registered to practice  
30 commercial interior design if the services are being performed by a person acting  
31 within the scope of practice authorized by another license that is held by the person.

1 \* **Sec. 25.** AS 08.48.291 is amended to read:

2           **Sec. 08.48.291. Violations and penalties.** A person who practices or offers to  
3 practice architecture, engineering, land surveying, **commercial interior design**, or  
4 landscape architecture in the state without being registered or authorized to practice in  
5 accordance with the provisions of this chapter, or a person presenting or attempting to  
6 use the certificate or the seal of another, or a person who gives false or forged  
7 evidence of any kind to the board or to a member of the board in obtaining or  
8 attempting to obtain a certificate, or a person who impersonates a registrant, or a  
9 person who uses or attempts to use an expired or revoked or nonexistent certificate,  
10 knowing of the certificate's status, or a person who falsely claims to be registered and  
11 authorized to practice under this chapter, or a person who violates any of the  
12 provisions of this chapter, is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is  
13 punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by imprisonment for not more than  
14 one year, or by both.

15 \* **Sec. 26.** AS 08.48.295(a) is amended to read:

16           (a) In addition to any other provision of law, if a person practices or offers to  
17 practice architecture, engineering, **commercial interior design**, or land surveying in  
18 the state without being registered or authorized to practice in accordance with the  
19 provisions of this chapter, the board may enter an order levying a civil penalty.

20 \* **Sec. 27.** AS 08.48.311 is amended to read:

21           **Sec. 08.48.311. Rights not transferable.** The right to engage in the practice of  
22 architecture, engineering, land surveying, **commercial interior design**, or landscape  
23 architecture is considered a personal and individual right, based on the qualifications  
24 of the individual as evidenced by the individual's certificate of registration, which is  
25 not transferable.

26 \* **Sec. 28.** AS 08.48.321 is amended to read:

27           **Sec. 08.48.321. Evidence of practice.** A person practices or offers to practice  
28 architecture, engineering, land surveying, **commercial interior design**, or landscape  
29 architecture **if the person** [WHO]

30                   (1) practices a branch of the profession of architecture, engineering,  
31 land surveying, **commercial interior design**, or landscape architecture [AS DEFINED

1 IN AS 08.48.341];

2 (2) by verbal claim, sign, advertisement, letterhead, card, or other  
3 means represents to be an architect, engineer, land surveyor, **commercial interior**  
4 **designer**, or landscape architect, or through the use of some other title implies that the  
5 person is an architect, engineer, land surveyor, **commercial interior designer**, or  
6 landscape architect; or

7 (3) holds out as able to perform or [WHO] does perform an  
8 architectural, engineering, land surveying, **commercial interior design**, or landscape  
9 architectural service recognized by the professions covered by this chapter, and  
10 specified in regulations of the board, as an architectural, engineering, land surveying,  
11 **commercial interior design**, or landscape architectural service.

12 \* **Sec. 29.** AS 08.48.331(a) is amended to read:

13 (a) This chapter does not apply to

14 (1) a contractor performing work designed by a professional architect,  
15 engineer, **commercial interior designer**, or landscape architect or the supervision of  
16 the construction of the work as a supervisor or superintendent for a contractor;

17 (2) workers in building trades crafts, earthwork, grounds keeping, or  
18 nursery operations, and superintendents, supervisors, or inspectors in the performance  
19 of their customary duties;

20 (3) an officer or employee of the United States government practicing  
21 architecture, engineering, land surveying, **commercial interior design**, or landscape  
22 architecture as required by the person's official capacity;

23 (4) an employee or a subordinate of a person registered under this  
24 chapter if the work or service is done under the direct supervision of a person  
25 registered under this chapter;

26 (5) associates, consultants, or specialists retained by a registered  
27 individual, [A] partnership of registered individuals, [A] corporation, [A] limited  
28 liability company, or [A] limited liability partnership authorized to practice  
29 architecture, engineering, land surveying, **commercial interior design**, or landscape  
30 architecture under this chapter, in the performance of professional services if  
31 responsible charge of the work remains with the individual, the partnership, or a

1 designated representative of the corporation, limited liability company, or limited  
2 liability partnership;

3 (6) a person preparing drawings or specifications for

4 (A) a building for the person's own use and occupancy as a  
5 single family residence and related site work for that building;

6 (B) farm or ranch buildings and their grounds unless the public  
7 health, safety, or welfare is involved;

8 (C) a building that is intended to be used only as a residence by  
9 not more than

10 (i) four families and that is not more than two stories  
11 high and the grounds of the building; or

12 (ii) two families and that is not more than three stories  
13 high and the grounds of the building, if the building is located in a  
14 municipality that has adopted a building or residential code that applies  
15 to the building and if the building complies with the building or  
16 residential code;

17 (D) a garage, workshop, or similar building that contains less  
18 than 2,000 square feet of floor space to be used for a private noncommercial  
19 purpose and the grounds of the building;

20 (7) a specialty contractor licensed under AS 08.18 while engaged in  
21 the business of construction contracting for work designed by an architect, engineer,  
22 **commercial interior designer**, or landscape architect that is within the specialty to be  
23 performed or supervised by the specialty contractor, or a contractor preparing shop or  
24 field drawings for work that the specialty contractor has contracted to perform;

25 (8) a person, **other than a person providing commercial interior**  
26 **design services**, furnishing drawings, specifications, instruments of service, or other  
27 data for alterations or repairs to a building or its grounds that do not change or affect  
28 the structural system or the safety of the building, or that do not affect the public  
29 health, safety, or welfare;

30 (9) a person who is employed by a postsecondary educational  
31 institution to teach engineering, architectural, **commercial interior design**, or

1 landscape architectural courses; in this paragraph, "postsecondary educational  
2 institution" has the meaning given in AS 14.48.210;

3 (10) an officer or employee of an individual, firm, partnership,  
4 association, utility, corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability  
5 partnership, who practices engineering, architecture, land surveying, **commercial**  
6 **interior design**, or landscape architecture involved in the operation of the employer's  
7 business only, and further provided that neither the employee nor the employer offers  
8 engineering, architecture, land surveying, **commercial interior design**, or landscape  
9 architecture services to the public; exclusions under this paragraph do not apply to  
10 buildings or structures whose primary use is public occupancy;

11 (11) a person while involved in revegetation, restoration, reclamation,  
12 rehabilitation, or erosion control for disturbed land that the board determines does not  
13 affect the public health, safety, or welfare;

14 (12) a person while maintaining or directing the placement of plant  
15 material that the board determines does not affect the public health, safety, or welfare;

16 (13) an employee, officer, or agent of a regulatory agency of the state  
17 or a municipality when reviewing drawings and specifications for compliance with the  
18 building codes of the state or a municipality if the drawings and specifications have  
19 been sealed and signed by an architect, engineer, land surveyor, **commercial interior**  
20 **designer**, or landscape architect or the preparation of the drawings and specifications  
21 is exempt under this section from the requirements of this chapter; in this paragraph,  
22 "building codes" includes codes relating to building, mechanical, plumbing, electrical,  
23 fire safety standards, and zoning;

24 (14) a person who is designing fire detection or suppression systems  
25 and is authorized by the Department of Public Safety to design fire detection or  
26 suppression systems;

27 **(15) a person providing services limited to the planning, design,**  
28 **and implementation of a kitchen or bath or the specification of products for a**  
29 **kitchen or bath, if the space or area is in a building described in (6)(A) or (C) of**  
30 **this subsection.**

31 \* **Sec. 30.** AS 08.48.341(2) is amended to read:

1 (2) "board" means the State Board of Registration for Architects,  
 2 Engineers, [AND] Land Surveyors, Landscape Architects, and Commercial  
 3 Interior Designers;

4 \* **Sec. 31.** AS 08.48.341(4) is amended to read:

5 (4) "certificate of authorization" means a certificate issued by the  
 6 board authorizing a corporation, a limited liability company, or a limited liability  
 7 partnership to provide professional services in architecture, engineering, land  
 8 surveying, commercial interior design, or landscape architecture through individuals  
 9 legally registered by the board;

10 \* **Sec. 32.** AS 08.48.341 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

11 (24) "commercial interior design" means a professional service or  
 12 creative work for a building the primary use of which is public occupancy, involving

13 (A) analysis, research, planning, and design of the interior  
 14 spaces of a building for the purpose of enhancing and protecting the health,  
 15 safety, and welfare of the public by preparation of interior drawings,  
 16 specifications, or other technical submissions and administration of  
 17 nonstructural interior construction;

18 (B) design and specification of code-compliant interior  
 19 finishes, furnishings, fixtures, or equipment;

20 (C) design or modification of existing nonstructural interior  
 21 partitions, doors, suspended ceiling systems, or constructed ceiling elements;

22 (D) design or modification of existing internal circulation  
 23 systems or number and configuration of exits for suite occupant load; or

24 (E) review, analysis, and evaluation of building codes,  
 25 accessibility standards, or guidelines for interior planning, design, and  
 26 nonbearing construction compliance;

27 (25) "commercial interior designer" means a professional commercial  
 28 interior designer;

29 (26) "nonstructural" and "nonbearing" mean building elements that are  
 30 not load-bearing and that can be added, moved, or removed without affecting the  
 31 structural integrity of a building;

1 (27) "professional commercial interior designer" means a person who  
 2 has been legally registered as a professional commercial interior designer by the  
 3 board.

4 \* **Sec. 33.** AS 08.48.351 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 08.48.351. Short title.** This chapter may be cited as the Architects,  
 6 Engineers, Land Surveyors, **Commercial Interior Designers**, and Landscape  
 7 Architects Registration Act.

8 \* **Sec. 34.** AS 14.43.310(b) is amended to read:

9 (b) To assist the administering authority in selecting eligible applicants for  
 10 award of each of the memorial education loans under AS 14.43.250 - 14.43.325 and in  
 11 reviewing the memorial education loan program, the following advisory committees  
 12 are established:

13 (1) three Alaska state troopers, each one to be selected from and to  
 14 represent a state trooper region of the state by the regional commander to serve for  
 15 three years, for the Michael Murphy memorial education loan;

16 (2) [REPEALED

17 (3)] three members of the **State** [STATE] Board of Registration for  
 18 Architects, Engineers, [AND] Land Surveyors, **Landscape Architects, and**  
 19 **Commercial Interior Designers** selected annually by the board from among its  
 20 engineer members, for the Harvey Golub memorial education loan; and

21 **(3)** [(4)] three members of the state Board of Education and Early  
 22 Development, or of the staff of the Department of Education and Early Development,  
 23 or any combination of these, selected annually by the board, for the Robert L. Thomas  
 24 memorial education loan.

25 \* **Sec. 35.** AS 23.30.017(c)(1) is amended to read:

26 (1) "design professional" means a person registered under AS 08.48 as  
 27 an architect, engineer, [OR] land surveyor, **landscape architect, or commercial**  
 28 **interior designer**;

29 \* **Sec. 36.** AS 34.35.050 is amended to read:

30 **Sec. 34.35.050. Lien for labor or materials furnished.** A person has a lien,  
 31 only to the extent provided under this chapter, to secure the payment of the contract



1 price if the person

2 (1) performs labor on [UPON] real property at the request of the owner  
3 or the agent of the owner for the construction, alteration, or repair of a building or  
4 improvement;

5 (2) is a trustee of an employee benefit trust for the benefit of  
6 individuals performing labor on the building or improvement and has a direct contract  
7 with the owner or the agent of the owner for direct payments into the trust;

8 (3) furnishes materials that are delivered to real property under a  
9 contract with the owner or the agent of the owner that are incorporated in the  
10 construction, alteration, or repair of a building or improvement;

11 (4) furnishes equipment that is delivered to and used on [UPON] real  
12 property under a contract with the owner or the agent of the owner for the  
13 construction, alteration, or repair of a building or improvement;

14 (5) performs services under a contract with the owner or the agent of  
15 the owner in connection with the preparation of plans, surveys, or architectural, [OR]  
16 engineering, or commercial interior design plans or drawings for the construction,  
17 alteration, or repair of a building or improvement, whether or not actually  
18 implemented on that property; or

19 (6) is a general contractor.

20 \* **Sec. 37.** AS 35.15.010(c) is amended to read:

21 (c) In this section, "professional services" means architectural, engineering,  
22 [OR] land surveying, or commercial interior design services.

23 \* **Sec. 38.** AS 36.30.270(a) is amended to read:

24 (a) Notwithstanding conflicting provisions of AS 36.30.100 - 36.30.260, a  
25 procurement officer shall negotiate a contract for an agency with the most qualified  
26 and suitable firm or person of demonstrated competence for architectural, engineering,  
27 [OR] land surveying, or commercial interior design services. The procurement  
28 officer shall award a contract for those services at fair and reasonable compensation as  
29 determined by the procurement officer, after consideration of the estimated value of  
30 the services to be rendered, and the scope, complexity, and professional nature of the  
31 services. When determining the most qualified and suitable firm or person, the

1 procurement officer shall consider the

2 (1) proximity to the project site of the office of the firm or person  
3 unless federal law prohibits this factor from being considered in the awarding of the  
4 contract; and

5 (2) employment practices of the firm or person with regard to women  
6 and minorities.

7 \* **Sec. 39.** AS 36.30.270(d) is amended to read:

8 (d) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, a procurement officer  
9 may include price as an added factor in selecting architectural, engineering, [AND]  
10 land surveying, **and commercial interior design** services when, in the judgment of  
11 the procurement officer, the services required are repetitious in nature, and the scope,  
12 nature, and amount of services required are thoroughly defined by measurable and  
13 objective standards to reasonably enable firms or persons making proposals to  
14 compete with a clear understanding and interpretation of the services required. In  
15 order to include price as a factor in selection, a majority of the persons involved by the  
16 procurement officer in evaluation of the proposals must be registered in the state to  
17 perform architectural, engineering, [OR] land surveying, **or commercial interior**  
18 **design** services.

19 \* **Sec. 40.** AS 36.90.100 is amended to read:

20 **Sec. 36.90.100. Contracts for architectural, engineering, land surveying,**  
21 **commercial interior design, or landscape architectural services.** The state or a  
22 municipality may not award a contract for architectural, engineering, land surveying,  
23 **commercial interior design,** or landscape architectural services to

24 (1) an individual who is not registered under AS 08.48 to perform the  
25 architectural, engineering, land surveying, **commercial interior design,** or landscape  
26 architectural services required by the contract;

27 (2) a partnership, except as provided by (3) of this section, that is not  
28 qualified under AS 08.48.251 to provide the architectural, engineering, land surveying,  
29 **commercial interior design,** or landscape architectural services required by the  
30 contract; or

31 (3) a corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability

1 partnership that is not authorized under AS 08.48.241 to offer the architectural,  
 2 engineering, land surveying, **commercial interior design**, or landscape architectural  
 3 services required by the contract.

4 \* **Sec. 41.** AS 39.25.120(c)(7) is amended to read:

5 (7) the principal executive officer of the following boards, councils, or  
 6 commissions:

7 (A) Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission;

8 (B) Professional Teaching Practices Commission;

9 (C) Parole Board;

10 (D) Board of Nursing;

11 (E) Real Estate Commission;

12 (F) Alaska Royalty Oil and Gas Development Advisory Board;

13 (G) Alaska State Council on the Arts;

14 (H) Alaska Police Standards Council;

15 (I) Alaska Commission on Aging;

16 (J) Alaska Mental Health Board;

17 (K) State Medical Board;

18 (L) Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education;

19 (M) Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse;

20 (N) Statewide Suicide Prevention Council;

21 (O) State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers,

22 [AND] Land Surveyors, **Landscape Architects, and Commercial Interior**  
 23 **Designers**;

24 (P) Alaska Health Care Commission;

25 (Q) Board of Pharmacy;

26 \* **Sec. 42.** AS 44.62.330(a)(3) is amended to read:

27 (3) State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, [AND] Land  
 28 Surveyors, **Landscape Architects, and Commercial Interior Designers**;

29 \* **Sec. 43.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
 30 read:

31 APPLICABILITY. (a) This Act applies to a person who first begins work, or enters

1 into an agreement to begin work, as a commercial interior designer on or after the effective  
2 date of secs. 1 - 42 of this Act.

3 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section and AS 08.48.281(a), as amended by sec. 23 of  
4 this Act, a person working as a commercial interior designer before the effective date of secs.  
5 1 - 42 of this Act shall register as a commercial interior designer not later than July 1, 2023.

6 \* **Sec. 44.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
7 read:

8 TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. The State Board of Registration for Architects,  
9 Engineers, and Land Surveyors may adopt regulations necessary to implement this Act. The  
10 regulations take effect under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not before the  
11 effective date of the law implemented by the regulation.

12 \* **Sec. 45.** Section 44 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

13 \* **Sec. 46.** Except as provided in sec. 45 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1, 2021.