

AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, the Professional Engineers Licensure and Regulation Clarification Amendment Act of 2016 to revise an amendment to section 105.3.10 of Chapter 12A of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to authorize interior designers licensed and registered in the District to approve certain non-structural alterations and designs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Interior Design Regulation Emergency Amendment Act of 2017”.

Sec. 2. The amendatory section 105.3.10 of Chapter 12A of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations within section 3(a) of the Professional Engineers Licensure and Regulation Clarification Amendment Act of 2016, enacted on January 26, 2017 (D.C. Act 21-647; 64 DCR 946), is amended to read as follows:

“105.3.10 Design Professional in Responsible Charge. All design for new construction work, alteration, repair, expansion, addition, or modification work involving the practice of professional architecture, which shall have the same meaning as the term “practice of architecture” in D.C. Official Code § 47-2853.61, shall be prepared only by an architect licensed by the District and work involving the practice of professional engineering, which shall have the same meaning as the term “practice of engineering” in D.C. Official Code § 47-2853.131, shall be prepared only by an engineer licensed by the District. All drawings, computations, and specifications required for a building permit application for such work shall be prepared by or under the direct supervision of a licensed architect or licensed engineer and shall bear the signature and seal of the architect or the engineer. Plans for non-structural alterations and repairs of a building, including the layout of interior spaces, which do not adversely affect any structural member or any part of the structure having a required fire resistance rating, or the public safety, health or welfare, and which do not involve the practice of engineering as defined by applicable District of Columbia laws, shall be deemed to comply with this section when such plans are prepared, signed and sealed by an interior designer licensed and registered in the District of Columbia in accordance with applicable District of Columbia laws.”.

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Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia