

SENATE BILL NO. 135—COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND LABOR

FEBRUARY 25, 2005

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing certification of registered interior designers. (BDR 54-744)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to interior designers; revising provisions governing the qualifications of an applicant for a certificate of registration to practice as a registered interior designer; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires an applicant for a certificate of registration to practice as a registered interior designer to submit proof to the State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design that the applicant meets certain qualifications, including that the applicant has successfully completed a program of interior design accredited by the Foundation for Interior Design Education Research or a substantially equivalent program approved by the Board. (NRS 623.192)

This bill revises these qualifications for a registered interior designer by requiring the applicant to submit proof that the applicant has obtained at least a bachelor's degree from a program of interior design. If the degree was received from a nonaccredited program which is substantially equivalent to the accredited program, this bill requires the applicant to submit proof that the degree was obtained not more than 5 years before the date of the application. If the degree was received from any nonaccredited program more than 5 years before the date of the application, this bill provides that the Board may determine whether the applicant possesses a suitable combination of education and experience.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 623.192 is hereby amended to read as follows:
623.192 1. An applicant for a certificate of registration to practice as a registered interior designer must be of good moral character and submit to the Board:

- (a) An application on a form provided by the Board;
- (b) The fees required pursuant to NRS 623.310;
- (c) The statement required pursuant to NRS 623.225;
- (d) Proof which is satisfactory to the Board that ~~he has:~~

~~(1) At~~ *the applicant has at* least 2 years of experience in interior design; ~~and~~

~~(2) Successfully completed a~~

(e) Proof which is satisfactory to the Board that the applicant has successfully completed:

(1) A program of interior design accredited by the Foundation for Interior Design Education Research or ~~at~~ any successor in interest to that organization which culminated in the award of a bachelor's degree or higher degree;

(2) A substantially equivalent program of interior design approved by the Board ~~and~~

~~(e)~~ *which culminated in the award of a bachelor's degree or higher degree not more than 5 years before the date of the application; or*

(3) A program of interior design, other than a program described in subparagraph (1), which culminated in the award of a bachelor's degree or higher degree more than 5 years before the date of the application if the applicant possesses a combination of education and experience in interior design deemed suitable by the Board; and

(f) A certificate issued by the National Council for Interior Design Qualification as proof that ~~he~~ the applicant has passed the examination prepared and administered by that organization.

2. The Board shall, by regulation, adopt the standards of the National Council for Interior Design Qualification for the experience required pursuant to the provisions of *paragraph (d) of subsection 1* as those standards exist on the date of the adoption of the regulation.

3. Before being issued a certificate of registration to practice as a registered interior designer, each applicant must personally appear before the Board to take an oath prescribed by the Board.

4. Any application submitted to the Board may be denied for any violation of the provisions of this chapter.



Sec. 2. NRS 623.192 is hereby amended to read as follows:

623.192 1. An applicant for a certificate of registration to practice as a registered interior designer must be of good moral character and submit to the Board:

(a) An application on a form provided by the Board;

(b) The fees required pursuant to NRS 623.310;

(c) Proof which is satisfactory to the Board that ~~he has:~~

~~(1) At~~ *the applicant has at* least 2 years of experience in interior design; ~~and~~

~~(2) Successfully completed a~~

(d) Proof which is satisfactory to the Board that the applicant has successfully completed:

(1) A program of interior design accredited by the Foundation for Interior Design Education Research or ~~at~~ any successor in interest to that organization which culminated in the award of a bachelor's degree or higher degree;

(2) A substantially equivalent program of interior design approved by the Board ~~and~~

~~(d)~~ which culminated in the award of a bachelor's degree or higher degree not more than 5 years before the date of the application; or

(3) A program of interior design, other than a program described in subparagraph (1), which culminated in the award of a bachelor's degree or higher degree more than 5 years before the date of the application if the applicant possesses a combination of education and experience in interior design deemed suitable by the Board; and

(e) A certificate issued by the National Council for Interior Design Qualification as proof that ~~he~~ the applicant has passed the examination prepared and administered by that organization.

2. The Board shall, by regulation, adopt the standards of the National Council for Interior Design Qualification for the experience required pursuant to the provisions of *paragraph (c) of subsection 1* as those standards exist on the date of the adoption of the regulation.

3. Before being issued a certificate of registration to practice as a registered interior designer, each applicant must personally appear before the Board to take an oath prescribed by the Board.

4. Any application submitted to the Board may be denied for any violation of the provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 3. NRS 623.215 is hereby amended to read as follows:

623.215 The Board may accept satisfactory evidence of registration as an interior designer in another jurisdiction where the qualifications required are equal to those required in paragraphs (d), *(e)* and ~~(e)~~ *(f)* of subsection 1 of NRS 623.192 at the date of



1 application. Before the Board may accept that evidence, the
2 applicant must pass the examination required pursuant to the
3 provisions of subsection 3 of NRS 623.200.

4 **Sec. 4.** NRS 623.215 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 623.215 The Board may accept satisfactory evidence of
6 registration as an interior designer in another jurisdiction where the
7 qualifications required are equal to those required in paragraphs (c) ,
8 (d) and ~~(d)~~ (e) of subsection 1 of NRS 623.192 at the date of
9 application. Before the Board may accept that evidence, the
10 applicant must pass the examination required pursuant to the
11 provisions of subsection 3 of NRS 623.200.

12 **Sec. 5.** 1. This section and sections 1 and 3 of this act
13 become effective upon passage and approval.

14 2. Sections 1 and 3 of this act expire by limitation on the date
15 on which the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 666 requiring each state to
16 establish procedures under which the state has authority to withhold
17 or suspend, or to restrict the use of professional, occupational and
18 recreational licenses of persons who:

19 (a) Have failed to comply with a subpoena or warrant relating to
20 a proceeding to determine the paternity of a child or to establish or
21 enforce an obligation for the support of a child; or

22 (b) Are in arrears in the payment for the support of one or more
23 children,

24 ➤ are repealed by the Congress of the United States.

25 3. Sections 2 and 4 of this act become effective on the date on
26 which the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 666 requiring each state to
27 establish procedures under which the state has authority to withhold
28 or suspend, or to restrict the use of professional, occupational and
29 recreational licenses of persons who:

30 (a) Have failed to comply with a subpoena or warrant relating to
31 a proceeding to determine the paternity of a child or to establish or
32 enforce an obligation for the support of a child; or

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