

The following language amends HB 590 from a Professional Practice Act to a Title Protection Act.

**Chapter 93F
Interior Design Title Protection**

§93F-1. Title

This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as the “North Carolina Registered Interior Design Title Protection Act.”

§93F-2. Purpose

The purpose shall be to protect the right to use the term “North Carolina Registered Interior Designer” by persons who have met the requirements for Certification as an Interior Designer by the National Council of Interior Designer Qualifications (NCIDQ). The bill does not otherwise restrict the use of the Term Interior Designer or Interior Decorator, or restrict the use of the term by Architects who qualify as such under Chapter 83A of the General Statutes.

§93F-3. Definitions

- 1) No Change
- 1a) No Change
- 2) No Change
- 3) No Change
- 4) No Change
- 5) No Change
- 6) Delete the title “Interior Life Safety.” Substitute the title “Life Safety.” In addition, delete references to “interiors” throughout the paragraph. Place a period after “... or regulation.” Delete words which follow.
(Reason: Life safety under the scope of this law should not be so narrowly defined)
- 7) Delete the term “Interior Technical Submissions.” Substitute the term “Technical Submissions,” which should be provided for permitting as needed to meet current North Carolina Building Codes.
- 8) No Change
- 9) Change to “Registered Interior Design Firm,” to mean an Interior Design firm whose majority principal owners are Registered Interior Designers under this Chapter, and which is registered under this Statute.
(Reason: Other licensed entities are regulated under separate Statutes. The scope of this bill is only for Registered Interior Designers)
- 10) No Change
- 11) No Change
- 12) *The Practice of Interior Design is approved for the following occupancies: (as currently permitted under General Statute Chapter 83-A.)*
(Reason: Practice limits should be in line with education, training and testing standards)
 - i. *A family residence, up to eight units attached with grade level exit, which is not a part of or physically connected with any other buildings or residential units;*
 - ii. *A building upon any farm for the use of any farmer, unless the building is of such nature and intended for such use as to substantially involve the health or safety of the public;*
 - iii. *An institutional or commercial building if it does not have a total value exceeding ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000); And if the total building area does not exceed 2,500 square feet in gross floor area;*
 - iv. *Alteration, remodeling, or renovation of an existing building that is exempt under this section, or alteration, remodeling, or renovation of an existing building or building site that does not alter or affect the structural system of the building; change the building's access or exit pattern; or change the live or dead load on the building's structural system. This subdivision shall not limit or change any other exemptions to this Chapter or to the practice of engineering under Chapter 89C of the General Statutes.*
 - v. *The preparation and use of details and shop drawings, assembly or erection drawings, or graphic descriptions utilized to detail or illustrate a portion of the work required to construct the project in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared or to be prepared under the requirements or exemptions of this Chapter.*
 - vi. *Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to prevent any individual from creating designs for the construction of domiciles for himself or herself.*
- 13) Change to: North Carolina Registered Interior Designer – A person so qualified to use the title under this act.
(Reason: language herein may cause confusion with other use of Interior Designer in this act)

§93F-4 Application for registration.

No Change

§93F-5. Expiration and renewals; continuing education.

No Change

§93F-6. Reciprocity

No Change

§93F-7. Disqualification for Registration

No Change

§93F-8 Misdemeanors

No Change

§93F-9 Civil penalties; disciplinary costs.

No Change

§93F-10. Enjoining illegal practices.

No Change

§93F-11. Authority and Duties of Registrants.

- a) An interior designer, interior decorator or other person shall not be restricted in the performance of design work for occupancies described in 93F-3 (12).
- b) *A registered interior designer shall be permitted to imprint on its drawings a 2" square seal on drawings within the occupancy classifications described in 93F-3 (12). The seal shall state the full name of the registrant at the top, with the words "Registered North Carolina Interior Designer" placed in the center, with the license number placed at the bottom.*
- c) No Change
- d) No Change
- e) No Change
- f) No Change
- g) No Change (except to delete the word "Interior" in "Interior Technical Submission")
- h) No Change (except to delete the word "Interior" in "Interior Technical Submission")
- i) No Change (except to delete the word "Interior" in "Interior Technical Submission")
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- k) No Change (except to delete the word "Interior" in "Interior Technical Submission")
- l) The Registered Interior Designer shall have supervisory authority to assemble documents from other licensed professionals only for occupancies specified under 93F-3 (12).

§93F-12. Department Powers and Duties.

No Change – except to conform to seal design standards outlined under §93F-11 b.

§93F-13. Applicability of Chapter

No Change

§83A-9 Partnership practice.

Under the terms of a Title Act, no change to this statute is required. And this reference should be deleted.

§153A-357 Permits.

Under the terms of a Title Act, no change to this statute is required. And this reference should be deleted.

§160A-417. Permits.

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Section 5. Adjust date accordingly.

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