

**HB 1878 - DIGEST**

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Provides that, in order to safeguard human health, safety, and property, and to promote public welfare, any person in either a public or private capacity using the title of registered interior designer is required to submit evidence that he or she is qualified under the provisions of this act.

Declares that an applicant may qualify for registration as a registered interior designer if the applicant pays any applicable fee established by the department and shows to the satisfaction of the department that the applicant: (1) Has a current certificate number issued by the national council for interior design qualification; and

(2) Has six years' combined work experience and formal education in interior design from an accredited degree program.

Provides that the department shall grant a certificate of registration to an applicant who meets the requirements of this act beginning July 1, 2006. After July 1, 2007, a person may not use the title "registered interior designer" in this state or any other title, designation, sign, card, or device indicating that the person is a registered interior designer unless he or she is registered under this act.

Requires an interior designer registered under this act to complete ten hours of continuing education instruction every two years. The department shall develop by rule a form to verify continuing education.

Provides that a person who violates a provision of this act or a rule adopted under it is guilty of a misdemeanor and may also be subject to a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed five thousand dollars for each offense.

Requires the department to issue a cease and desist order to any individual who is not registered under this act and holds himself or herself out as a "registered interior designer."