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HOUSE BILL NO. 566

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE GALLICK.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 324.001, 324.028, 324.400, 324.402, 324.403, 324.406, 324.409, 324.412, 324.415, 324.418, 324.421, 324.424, 324.427, 324.430, 324.433, 324.436, 324.439, 327.011, 327.031, 327.041, 327.081, 327.381, 327.411, 327.441, 327.442, 327.451, 537.033, and 621.045, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof twenty-four new sections relating to interior designers, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

	Section A. Sections 324.001, 324.028, 324.400, 324.402, 324.403, 324.406, 324.409,
2	324.412, 324.415, 324.418, 324.421, 324.424, 324.427, 324.430, 324.433, 324.436, 324.439,
3	327.011, 327.031, 327.041, 327.081, 327.381, 327.411, 327.441, 327.442, 327.451, 537.033,
4	and 621.045, RSMo, are repealed and twenty-four new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be
5	known as sections 324.001, 324.028, 327.011, 327.031, 327.041, 327.081, 327.381, 327.411,
6	327.441, 327.442, 327.451, 327.700, 327.705, 327.710, 327.715, 327.720, 327.725, 327.730,
7	327.735, 327.740, 327.745, 327.750, 537.033, and 621.045, to read as follows:
	324.001. 1. For the purposes of this section, the following terms mean:
2	(1) "Department", the department of commerce and insurance;
3	(2) "Director", the director of the division of professional registration; and
4	(3) "Division", the division of professional registration.
5	2. There is hereby established a "Division of Professional Registration" assigned to
6	the department of commerce and insurance as a type III transfer, headed by a director
7	appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. All of the general
8	provisions, definitions and powers enumerated in section 1 of the Omnibus State

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

9 Reorganization Act of 1974 and Executive Order 06-04 shall apply to this department and its10 divisions, agencies, and personnel.

11 3. The director of the division of professional registration shall promulgate rules and 12 regulations which designate for each board or commission assigned to the division the 13 renewal date for licenses or certificates. After the initial establishment of renewal dates, no director of the division shall promulgate a rule or regulation which would change the renewal 14 15 date for licenses or certificates if such change in renewal date would occur prior to the date on 16 which the renewal date in effect at the time such new renewal date is specified next occurs. Each board or commission shall by rule or regulation establish licensing periods of one, two, 17 or three years. Registration fees set by a board or commission shall be effective for the entire 18 licensing period involved, and shall not be increased during any current licensing period. 19 20 Persons who are required to pay their first registration fees shall be allowed to pay the pro rata 21 share of such fees for the remainder of the period remaining at the time the fees are paid. Each board or commission shall provide the necessary forms for initial registration, and 22 23 thereafter the director may prescribe standard forms for renewal of licenses and certificates. 24 Each board or commission shall by rule and regulation require each applicant to provide the 25 information which is required to keep the board's records current. Each board or commission 26 shall have the authority to collect and analyze information required to support workforce planning and policy development. Such information shall not be publicly disclosed so as to 27 28 identify a specific health care provider, as defined in section 376.1350. Each board or 29 commission shall issue the original license or certificate.

30 4. The division shall provide clerical and other staff services relating to the issuance and renewal of licenses for all the professional licensing and regulating boards and 31 32 commissions assigned to the division. The division shall perform the financial management 33 and clerical functions as they each relate to issuance and renewal of licenses and certificates. "Issuance and renewal of licenses and certificates" means the ministerial function of 34 preparing and delivering licenses or certificates, and obtaining material and information for 35 36 the board or commission in connection with the renewal thereof to include verifying if the applicant has submitted all required documentation and that the documentation is legible. It 37 does not include any discretionary authority with regard to the original review of an 38 applicant's qualifications for licensure or certification, or the subsequent review of licensee's 39 or certificate holder's qualifications, or any disciplinary action contemplated against the 40 licensee or certificate holder. The division may develop and implement microfilming systems 41 42 and automated or manual management information systems.

5. The director of the division shall maintain a system of accounting and budgeting, in cooperation with the director of the department, the office of administration, and the state auditor's office, to ensure proper charges are made to the various boards for services rendered

to them. The general assembly shall appropriate to the division and other state agencies from
each board's funds moneys sufficient to reimburse the division and other state agencies for all
services rendered and all facilities and supplies furnished to that board.

49 6. For accounting purposes, the appropriation to the division and to the office of administration for the payment of rent for quarters provided for the division shall be made 50 from the "Professional Registration Fees Fund", which is hereby created, and is to be used 51 52 solely for the purpose defined in subsection 5 of this section. The fund shall consist of 53 moneys deposited into it from each board's fund. Each board shall contribute a prorated 54 amount necessary to fund the division for services rendered and rent based upon the system of 55 accounting and budgeting established by the director of the division as provided in subsection 5 of this section. Transfers of funds to the professional registration fees fund shall be made by 56 57 each board on July first of each year; provided, however, that the director of the division may 58 establish an alternative date or dates of transfers at the request of any board. Such transfers 59 shall be made until they equal the prorated amount for services rendered and rent by the 60 division. The provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary notwithstanding, money in this 61 fund shall not be transferred and placed to the credit of general revenue.

62 7. The director of the division shall be responsible for collecting and accounting for 63 all moneys received by the division or its component agencies. Any money received by a board or commission shall be promptly given, identified by type and source, to the director. 64 65 The director shall keep a record by board and state accounting system classification of the amount of revenue the director receives. The director shall promptly transmit all receipts to 66 67 the department of revenue for deposit in the state treasury to the credit of the appropriate fund. The director shall provide each board with all relevant financial information in a timely 68 69 fashion. Each board shall cooperate with the director by providing necessary information.

70 8. All educational transcripts, test scores, complaints, investigatory reports, and 71 information pertaining to any person who is an applicant or licensee of any agency assigned 72 to the division of professional registration by statute or by the department are confidential and 73 may not be disclosed to the public or any member of the public, except with the written 74 consent of the person whose records are involved. The agency which possesses the records or 75 information shall disclose the records or information if the person whose records or 76 information is involved has consented to the disclosure. Each agency is entitled to the attorney-client privilege and work-product privilege to the same extent as any other person. 77 78 Provided, however, that any board may disclose confidential information without the consent of the person involved in the course of voluntary interstate exchange of information, or in the 79 80 course of any litigation concerning that person, or pursuant to a lawful request, or to other administrative or law enforcement agencies acting within the scope of their statutory 81 authority. Information regarding identity, including names and addresses, registration, and 82

83 currency of the license of the persons possessing licenses to engage in a professional 84 occupation and the names and addresses of applicants for such licenses is not confidential 85 information.

9. Any deliberations conducted and votes taken in rendering a final decision after a hearing before an agency assigned to the division shall be closed to the parties and the public. Once a final decision is rendered, that decision shall be made available to the parties and the public.

10. A compelling governmental interest shall be deemed to exist for the purposes of section 536.025 for licensure fees to be reduced by emergency rule, if the projected fund balance of any agency assigned to the division of professional registration is reasonably expected to exceed an amount that would require transfer from that fund to general revenue.

94 11. (1) The following boards and commissions are assigned by specific type transfers 95 to the division of professional registration: Missouri state board of accountancy, chapter 326; board of cosmetology and barber examiners, chapters 328 and 329; Missouri board for 96 97 architects, professional engineers, professional land surveyors [and], professional landscape architects, and licensed interior designers, chapter 327; Missouri state board of chiropractic 98 99 examiners, chapter 331; state board of registration for the healing arts, chapter 334; Missouri 100 dental board, chapter 332; state board of embalmers and funeral directors, chapter 333; state 101 board of optometry, chapter 336; Missouri state board of nursing, chapter 335; board of 102 pharmacy, chapter 338; state board of podiatric medicine, chapter 330; Missouri real estate 103 appraisers commission, chapter 339; and Missouri veterinary medical board, chapter 340. 104 The governor shall appoint members of these boards by and with the advice and consent of the senate. 105

106 (2) The boards and commissions assigned to the division shall exercise all their respective statutory duties and powers, except those clerical and other staff services involving 107 108 collecting and accounting for moneys and financial management relating to the issuance and renewal of licenses, which services shall be provided by the division, within the appropriation 109 110 therefor. Nothing herein shall prohibit employment of professional examining or testing 111 services from professional associations or others as required by the boards or commissions on 112 contract. Nothing herein shall be construed to affect the power of a board or commission to 113 expend its funds as appropriated. However, the division shall review the expense vouchers of each board. The results of such review shall be submitted to the board reviewed and to the 114 115 house and senate appropriations committees annually.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the director of the division shall exercise only those management functions of the boards and commissions specifically provided in the Reorganization Act of 1974, and those relating to the allocation and assignment of space, personnel other than board personnel, and equipment.

120 (4) "Board personnel", as used in this section or chapters 317, 326, 327, 328, 329, 121 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, and 345, shall mean personnel whose 122 functions and responsibilities are in areas not related to the clerical duties involving the 123 issuance and renewal of licenses, to the collecting and accounting for moneys, or to financial 124 management relating to issuance and renewal of licenses; specifically included are executive 125 secretaries (or comparable positions), consultants, inspectors, investigators, counsel, and 126 secretarial support staff for these positions; and such other positions as are established and 127 authorized by statute for a particular board or commission. Boards and commissions may 128 employ legal counsel, if authorized by law, and temporary personnel if the board is unable to 129 meet its responsibilities with the employees authorized above. Any board or commission 130 which hires temporary employees shall annually provide the division director and the appropriation committees of the general assembly with a complete list of all persons 131 132 employed in the previous year, the length of their employment, the amount of their 133 remuneration, and a description of their responsibilities.

134 (5) Board personnel for each board or commission shall be employed by and serve at 135 the pleasure of the board or commission, shall be supervised as the board or commission 136 designates, and shall have their duties and compensation prescribed by the board or 137 commission, within appropriations for that purpose, except that compensation for board 138 personnel shall not exceed that established for comparable positions as determined by the 139 board or commission pursuant to the job and pay plan of the department of commerce and 140 insurance. Nothing herein shall be construed to permit salaries for any board personnel to be 141 lowered except by board action.

142 12. All the powers, duties, and functions of the division of athletics, chapter 317, and 143 others, are assigned by type I transfer to the division of professional registration.

144 13. Wherever the laws, rules, or regulations of this state make reference to the 145 division of professional registration of the department of economic development, such 146 references shall be deemed to refer to the division of professional registration.

147 14. (1) The state board of nursing, board of pharmacy, Missouri dental board, state 148 committee of psychologists, state board of chiropractic examiners, state board of optometry, Missouri board of occupational therapy, or state board of registration for the healing arts may 149 150 individually or collectively enter into a contractual agreement with the department of health 151 and senior services, a public institution of higher education, or a nonprofit entity for the 152 purpose of collecting and analyzing workforce data from its licensees, registrants, or permit 153 holders for future workforce planning and to assess the accessibility and availability of 154 qualified health care services and practitioners in Missouri. The boards shall work 155 collaboratively with other state governmental entities to ensure coordination and avoid 156 duplication of efforts.

157 (2) The boards may expend appropriated funds necessary for operational expenses of 158 the program formed under this subsection. Each board is authorized to accept grants to fund 159 the collection or analysis authorized in this subsection. Any such funds shall be deposited in 160 the respective board's fund.

161 (3) Data collection shall be controlled and approved by the applicable state board 162 conducting or requesting the collection. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 324.010 163 and 334.001, the boards may release identifying data to the contractor to facilitate data 164 analysis of the health care workforce including, but not limited to, geographic, demographic, 165 and practice or professional characteristics of licensees. The state board shall not request or 166 be authorized to collect income or other financial earnings data.

167 (4) Data collected under this subsection shall be deemed the property of the state board requesting the data. Data shall be maintained by the state board in accordance with 168 chapter 610, provided that any information deemed closed or confidential under subsection 8 169 170 of this section or any other provision of state law shall not be disclosed without consent of the 171 applicable licensee or entity or as otherwise authorized by law. Data shall only be released in 172 an aggregate form by geography, profession or professional specialization, or population 173 characteristic in a manner that cannot be used to identify a specific individual or entity. Data 174 suppression standards shall be addressed and established in the contractual agreement.

175 (5) Contractors shall maintain the security and confidentiality of data received or 176 collected under this subsection and shall not use, disclose, or release any data without 177 approval of the applicable state board. The contractual agreement between the applicable 178 state board and contractor shall establish a data release and research review policy to include 179 legal and institutional review board, or agency-equivalent, approval.

180 (6) Each board may promulgate rules subject to the provisions of this subsection and chapter 536 to effectuate and implement the workforce data collection and analysis authorized 181 182 by this subsection. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, 183 that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it 184 complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 185 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly under chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove 186 187 and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking 188 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and void.

324.028. Any member authorized under the provisions of sections 256.459, 324.063, 2 324.177, 324.203, 324.243, [324.406,] 324.478, 326.259, 327.031, 329.015, 330.110, 3 331.090, 332.021, 333.151, 334.120, 334.430, 334.625, 334.717, 334.749, 334.830, 4 335.021, 336.130, 337.050, 337.305, 337.535, 337.622, 337.739, 338.110, 339.120, 5 340.202, 345.080, and 346.120 who misses three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings

6 of the board or council on which he or she serves shall forfeit his or her membership on that

7 board or council. A new member shall be appointed to the respective board or council by the8 governor with the advice and consent of the senate.

327.011. As used in this chapter, **unless specifically provided otherwise**, the 2 following words and terms shall have the meanings indicated:

3 (1) "Accredited degree program from a school of architecture", a degree from any 4 school or other institution which teaches architecture and whose curricula for the degree in 5 question have been, at the time in question, certified as accredited by the National 6 Architectural Accrediting Board;

7 (2) "Accredited school of engineering", any school or other institution which teaches 8 engineering and whose curricula on the subjects in question are or have been, at the time in 9 question certified as accredited by the engineering accreditation commission of the 10 accreditation board for engineering and technology or its successor organization;

(3) "Accredited school of landscape architecture", any school or other institution
which teaches landscape architecture and whose curricula on the subjects in question are or
have been at the times in question certified as accredited by the Landscape Architecture
Accreditation Board of the American Society of Landscape Architects;

15 (4) "Architect", any person authorized pursuant to the provisions of this chapter to 16 practice architecture in Missouri, as the practice of architecture is defined in section 327.091;

17 (5) "Board", the Missouri board for architects, professional engineers, professional
 18 land surveyors [and], professional landscape architects, and licensed interior designers;

(6) "Corporation", any general business corporation, professional corporation or20 limited liability company;

(7) "Design coordination", the review and coordination of technical submissions
 prepared by others including, as appropriate and without limitation, architects, professional
 engineers, professional land surveyors, professional landscape architects, licensed interior
 designers, and other consultants;

(8) "Design survey", a survey which includes all activities required to gather information to support the sound conception, planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operation of design projects, but excludes the surveying of real property for the establishment of land boundaries, rights-of-way, easements, and the dependent or independent surveys or resurveys of the public land survey system;

30 (9) "Incidental practice", the performance of other professional services licensed 31 under this chapter that are related to a licensee's professional service, but are secondary and 32 substantially less in scope and magnitude when compared to the professional services usually 33 and normally performed by the licensee practicing in their licensed profession. This 34 incidental professional service shall be safely and competently performed by the licensee

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without jeopardizing the health, safety, and welfare of the public. The licensee shall be qualified by education, training, and experience as determined by the board and in sections 37 327.091, 327.181, 327.272, [and] 327.600, and 327.700 and applicable board rules to

38 perform such incidental professional service;

(10) "Licensee", a person licensed to practice any profession regulated under thischapter or a corporation authorized to practice any such profession;

41 (11) "Licensed interior designer", the same meaning given to such term in 42 section 327.700;

(12) "Partnership", any partnership or limited liability partnership;

44 [(12)] (13) "Person", any individual, corporation, firm, partnership, association or 45 other entity authorized to do business;

46 [(13)] (14) "Professional engineer", any person authorized pursuant to the provisions 47 of this chapter to practice as a professional engineer in Missouri, as the practice of 48 engineering is defined in section 327.181;

49 [(14)] (15) "Professional land surveyor", any person authorized pursuant to the 50 provisions of this chapter to practice as a professional land surveyor in Missouri as the 51 practice of land surveying is defined in section 327.272;

52 [(15)] (16) "Professional landscape architect", any person authorized pursuant to the 53 provisions of this chapter to practice as a professional landscape architect in Missouri as the 54 practice of landscape architecture is defined in section 327.600;

55 [(16)] (17) "Responsible charge", the independent direct control of a licensee's work 56 and personal supervision of such work pertaining to the practice of architecture, engineering, 57 land surveying, or landscape architecture.

327.031. 1. The "Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors [and], Professional Landscape Architects, and Licensed Interior Designers" is hereby established and shall consist of [fifteen] seventeen members: a chairperson, who may be either an architect, a professional engineer, a professional land surveyor, [or] a professional landscape architect, or a licensed interior designer; three architects, who shall constitute the architectural division of the board; four professional engineers, who shall constitute its professional engineering division; three professional land surveyors, who shall sconstitute its professional land surveying division; three professional landscape architects, who shall constitute its professional land surveying division; three professional landscape architects, who shall constitute its professional land surveying division; three professional landscape architects, who shall constitute its professional land surveying division; three professional landscape architects, who shall constitute its professional landscape architectural division; two licensed interior designers, who shall constitute its licensed interior design division; and a voting public member.

2. After receiving his or her commission and before entering upon the discharge of
his or her official duties, each member of the board shall take, subscribe to and file in the
office of the secretary of state the official oath required by the constitution.

15 3. The chairperson shall be the administrative and executive officer of the board, and 16 it shall be his or her duty to supervise and expedite the work of the board and its divisions, 17 and, at his or her election, when a tie exists between the divisions of the board, to break the tie by recording his or her vote for or against the action upon which the divisions are in 18 19 disagreement. Each member of the architectural division shall have one vote when voting on 20 an action pending before the board; each member of the professional engineering division 21 shall have one vote when voting on an action pending before the board; each member of the 22 professional land surveying division shall have one vote when voting on an action pending 23 before the board; [and] each member of the professional landscape architectural division shall 24 have one vote when voting on an action pending before the board; and each member of the 25 licensed interior design division shall have one vote when voting on an action pending 26 before the board. Every motion or proposed action upon which the divisions of the board 27 are tied shall be deemed lost, and the chairperson shall so declare, unless the chairperson shall elect to break the tie as provided in this section. [Eight] Nine voting members of the board, 28 29 including at least one member of each division, shall constitute a quorum, respectively, for the 30 transaction of board business.

31 4. Each division of the board shall, at its first meeting in each even-numbered year, 32 elect one of its members as division chairperson for a term of two years. Two voting members of each division of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of 33 34 division business. The chairpersons of the architectural division, professional engineering 35 division, professional land surveying division, [and] professional landscape architectural 36 division, and licensed interior design division so elected shall be vice chairpersons of the 37 board [, and]. When the chairperson of the board is an architect, the chairperson of the 38 architectural division shall be the ranking vice chairperson[, and]; when the chairperson of the 39 board is a professional engineer, the chairperson of the professional engineering division shall 40 be the ranking vice chairperson[,;]; when the chairperson of the board is a professional land surveyor, the chairperson of the professional land surveying division shall be the ranking vice 41 42 chairperson[, and]; when the chairperson of the board is a professional landscape architect, 43 the chairperson of the professional landscape architectural division shall be the ranking vice chairperson; and when the chairperson of the board is a licensed interior designer, the 44 45 chairperson of the licensed interior design division shall be the ranking vice chairperson. The chairperson of each division shall be the administrative and executive 46 47 officer of his or her division, and it shall be his or her duty to supervise and expedite the work 48 of the division, and, in case of a tie vote on any matter, the chairperson shall, at his or her 49 election, break the tie by his or her vote. Every motion or question pending before the division upon which a tie exists shall be deemed lost, and so declared by the chairperson of 50 51 the division, unless the chairperson shall elect to break such tie by his or her vote.

52 5. (1) Any person appointed to the board, except a public member, shall be a 53 currently licensed architect, licensed professional engineer, licensed professional land 54 surveyor [or], licensed professional landscape architect, or licensed interior designer in Missouri, as the vacancy on the board may require, who has been a resident of Missouri for at 55 56 least five years, who has been engaged in active practice as an architect, professional 57 engineer, professional land surveyor [or], professional landscape architect, or licensed 58 interior designer, as the case may be, for at least ten consecutive years as a Missouri licensee 59 immediately preceding such person's appointment, and who is and has been a citizen of the 60 United States for at least five years immediately preceding such person's appointment.

61 (2) (a) Active service as a faculty member while holding the rank of assistant 62 professor or higher in an accredited school of engineering shall be regarded as active practice 63 of engineering, for the purposes of this chapter.

64 (b) Active service as a faculty member, after meeting the qualifications required by 65 section 327.314, while holding the rank of assistant professor or higher in an accredited 66 school of engineering and teaching land surveying courses shall be regarded as active practice 67 of land surveying for the purposes of this chapter.

68 (c) Active service as a faculty member while holding the rank of assistant professor or 69 higher in an accredited school of landscape architecture shall be regarded as active practice of 70 landscape architecture, for the purposes of this chapter.

(d) Active service as a faculty member while holding the rank of assistant professor or higher in an accredited school of architecture shall be regarded as active practice of architecture for the purposes of this chapter; provided, however, that no faculty member of an accredited school of architecture shall be eligible for appointment to the board unless such person has had at least three years' experience in the active practice of architecture other than in teaching.

(e) Active service as a faculty member while holding the rank of assistant professor or higher in an accredited school of interior design shall be regarded as active practice of licensed interior design for the purposes of this chapter, provided that no faculty member of an accredited school of interior design shall be eligible for appointment to the board unless such person has had at least three years of experience in the active practice of licensed interior design other than in teaching.

(3) The public member shall be, at the time of appointment, a citizen of the United States; a resident of this state for a period of one year and a registered voter; a person who is not and never was a member of any profession licensed or regulated pursuant to this chapter or the spouse of such person; and a person who does not have and never has had a material, financial interest in either the providing of the professional services regulated by this chapter, or an activity or organization directly related to any profession licensed or regulated pursuant

to this chapter. All members, including public members, shall be chosen from lists submitted by the director of the division of professional registration. The duties of the public member shall not include the determination of the technical requirements to be met for licensure or whether any person meets such technical requirements or of the technical competence or technical judgment of a licensee or a candidate for licensure.

94 6. The governor shall appoint the chairperson and the other members of the board 95 when a vacancy occurs either by the expiration of a term or otherwise, and each board member shall serve until such member's successor is appointed and has qualified. The 96 97 position of chairperson shall rotate sequentially with an architect, then professional engineer, 98 then professional land surveyor, then professional landscape architect, and then licensed 99 interior designer and shall be a licensee who has previously served as a member of the board. The appointment of the chairperson shall be for a term of four years which shall be 100 101 deemed to have begun on the date of his or her appointment and shall end upon the 102 appointment of the chairperson's successor. The chairperson shall not serve more than one 103 term. All other appointments, except to fill an unexpired term, shall be for terms of four 104 years; but no person shall serve on the board for more than two consecutive four-year terms, 105 and each four-year term shall be deemed to have begun on the date of the expiration of the 106 term of the board member who is being replaced or reappointed, as the case may be. Any 107 appointment to the board which is made when the senate is not in session shall be submitted 108 to the senate for its advice and consent at its next session following the date of the 109 appointment.

110 7. In the event that a vacancy is to occur on the board because of the expiration of a 111 term, then ninety days prior to the expiration, or as soon as feasible after a vacancy otherwise 112 occurs, the president of the American Institute of Architects/Missouri if the vacancy to be filled requires the appointment of an architect, the president of the Missouri Society of 113 114 Professional Engineers if the vacancy to be filled requires the appointment of a professional 115 engineer, the president of the Missouri Society of Professional Surveyors if the vacancy to be 116 filled requires the appointment of a professional land surveyor, [and] the president of the 117 Missouri Association of Landscape Architects if the vacancy to be filled requires the 118 appointment of a professional landscape architect, and the presidents or other chief executives of any Missouri chapter of a national council for interior design 119 qualifications if the vacancy to be filled requires the appointment of a licensed 120 121 interior designer, shall submit to the director of the division of professional registration a list 122 of five architects [or], five professional engineers, [or] five professional land surveyors, [or] 123 five professional landscape architects, or five licensed interior designers, as the case may 124 require, qualified and willing to fill the vacancy in question, with the recommendation that the 125 governor appoint one of the five persons so listed; and with the list of names so submitted, the

126 president **or other chief executive** of the appropriate organization shall include in a letter of 127 transmittal a description of the method by which the names were chosen. This subsection 128 shall not apply to public member vacancies.

8. The board may sue and be sued as the Missouri board for architects, professional engineers, professional land surveyors [and], professional landscape architects, and licensed interior designers, and its members need not be named as parties. Members of the board shall not be personally liable either jointly or severally for any act or acts committed in the performance of their official duties as board members, nor shall any board member be personally liable for any court costs which accrue in any action by or against the board.

327.041. 1. The board shall have the duty and the power to carry out the purposes and to enforce and administer the provisions of this chapter, to require, by summons or subpoena, with the vote of two-thirds of the voting board members, the attendance and testimony of witnesses, and the production of drawings, plans, plats, specifications, books, papers or any document representing any matter under hearing or investigation, pertaining to the issuance, probation, suspension or revocation of certificates of registration or certificates of authority provided for in this chapter, or pertaining to the unlawful practice of architecture, professional engineering, professional land surveying [or], professional landscape architecture, or licensed interior design.

10 2. The board shall, within the scope and purview of the provisions of this chapter, prescribe the duties of its officers and employees and adopt, publish and enforce the rules and 11 regulations of professional conduct which shall establish and maintain appropriate standards 12 13 of competence and integrity in the professions of architecture, professional engineering, professional land surveying [and], professional landscape architecture, and licensed interior 14 15 design, and adopt, publish and enforce procedural rules and regulations as may be considered by the board to be necessary or proper for the conduct of the board's business and the 16 management of its affairs, and for the effective administration and interpretation of the 17 provisions of this chapter. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 18 19 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this chapter shall become effective 20 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, 21 section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date 22 or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of 23 24 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2001, shall be invalid 25 and void.

3. Rules promulgated by the board pursuant to sections 327.272 to 327.635 shall be consistent with and shall not supersede the rules promulgated by the department of natural resources pursuant to chapter 60.

327.081. 1. All funds received pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the "State Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors [and], Professional Landscape Architects, and Licensed Interior Designers Fund" which is hereby established. All expenditures authorized by this chapter shall be paid from funds appropriated to the board by the general assembly from this fund.

7 2. The provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary notwithstanding, money in this fund shall not be transferred and placed to the credit of general revenue until the amount in 8 9 the fund at the end of the biennium exceeds two times the amount of the appropriation from the board's funds for the preceding fiscal year or, if the board requires by rule permit renewal 10 less frequently than yearly, then three times the appropriation from the board's funds for the 11 preceding fiscal year. The amount, if any, in the fund which shall lapse is that amount in the 12 fund which exceeds the appropriate multiple of the appropriations from the board's funds for 13 14 the preceding fiscal year.

327.381. The board may license, in its discretion, any architect, professional engineer, professional land surveyor, [orf] professional landscape architect, or interior designer licensed, certified, or registered in another state or territory of the United States, province of Canada, or in another country, when such applicant has qualifications which are at least equivalent to the requirements for licensure as an architect, professional engineer, professional land surveyor, [orf] professional landscape architect, or licensed interior designer in this state, and provided further that the board may establish by rule the conditions under which it shall require any such applicant to take any examination it considers necessary, and provided further that any such application is accompanied by the required fee.

327.411. 1. Each architect and each professional engineer and each professional land surveyor and each professional landscape architect and each licensed interior designer shall 2 3 have a personal seal in a form prescribed by the board, and he or she shall affix the seal to all final technical submissions. The personal seal for each profession shall be distinct from 4 5 the personal seal for any other profession. Technical submissions shall include, but are not limited to, drawings, specifications, plats, surveys, exhibits, reports, and certifications of 6 construction prepared by the licensee, or under such licensee's immediate personal 7 supervision. Such licensee shall either prepare or personally supervise the preparation of 8 9 all documents sealed by the licensee, and such licensee shall be held personally responsible 10 for the contents of all such documents sealed by such licensee, whether prepared or drafted by another licensee or not. 11

The personal seal of an architect or professional engineer or professional land
 surveyor or professional landscape architect or licensed interior designer shall be the legal
 equivalent of the licensee's signature whenever and wherever used, and the owner of the seal

shall be responsible for the architectural, engineering, land surveying, [or] landscape 15 architectural, or interior design documents, as the case may be, when the licensee places his 16 17 or her personal seal on such technical submissions to be used in connection with, any architectural or engineering project, survey, [or] landscape architectural project, or interior 18 19 alteration or construction project. Licensees shall undertake to perform architectural, professional engineering, professional land surveying [and], professional landscape 20 21 architectural, and interior design services only when they are qualified by education, 22 training, and experience in the specific technical areas involved.

23 3. Notwithstanding any provision of this section, any architect, professional engineer, professional land surveyor, [or] professional landscape architect, or licensed interior 24 25 designer may, but is not required to, attach a statement over his or her signature, 26 authenticated by his or her personal seal, specifying the particular technical submissions, or portions thereof, intended to be authenticated by the seal, and disclaiming any responsibility 27 for all other technical submissions relating to or intended to be used for any part or parts of 28 29 the architectural or engineering project [or], survey [or], landscape architectural project, or 30 interior alteration or construction project.

4. Nothing in this section, or any rule or regulation of the board shall require anyprofessional to seal preliminary or incomplete documents.

327.441. 1. The board may refuse to issue any license or certificate of authority 2 required pursuant to this chapter for one or any combination of causes stated in subsection 2 3 of this section. The board shall notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal 4 and shall advise the applicant of the applicant's right to file a complaint with the 5 administrative hearing commission as provided by chapter 621.

6 2. The board may cause a complaint to be filed with the administrative hearing 7 commission as provided by chapter 621 against any holder of any license or certificate of 8 authority required by this chapter or any person who has failed to renew or has surrendered 9 such person's license or certificate of authority, for any one or any combination of the 10 following causes:

(1) Use of any controlled substance, as defined in chapter 195, or alcoholic beverage
to an extent that such use impairs a person's ability to perform the work of any profession
licensed or regulated by this chapter;

14 (2) The person has been finally adjudicated and found guilty, or entered a plea of 15 guilty or nolo contendere, in a criminal prosecution under the laws of any state, of the United 16 States, or of any country, for any offense directly related to the duties and responsibilities of 17 the occupation, as set forth in section 324.012, regardless of whether or not sentence is 18 imposed;

(3) Use of fraud, deception, misrepresentation or bribery in securing any license or
 certificate of authority issued pursuant to this chapter or in obtaining permission to take any
 examination given or required pursuant to this chapter;

(4) Obtaining or attempting to obtain any fee, charge, tuition or other compensationby fraud, deception or misrepresentation;

(5) Incompetency, misconduct, gross negligence, fraud, misrepresentation or
 dishonesty in the performance of the functions or duties of any profession licensed or
 regulated by this chapter;

(6) Violation of, or assisting or enabling any person to violate, any provision of thischapter, or of any lawful rule or regulation adopted pursuant to this chapter;

(7) Impersonation of any person holding a license or certificate of authority, or
allowing any person to use his or her license or certificate of authority, or diploma from any
school;

(8) Disciplinary action against the holder of a license or a certificate of authority, or
other right to practice any profession regulated by this chapter granted by another state,
territory, federal agency or country upon grounds for which revocation or suspension is
authorized in this state;

36 (9) A person is finally adjudged incapacitated or disabled by a court of competent37 jurisdiction;

(10) Assisting or enabling any person to practice or offer to practice any profession
licensed or regulated by this chapter who is not licensed and currently eligible to practice
pursuant to this chapter. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to prohibit
assisting or enabling any person to perform or offer to perform interior design services
who is not licensed under this chapter;

43 (11) Issuance of a professional license or a certificate of authority based upon a44 material mistake of fact;

45 (12) Failure to display a valid license or certificate of authority if so required by this 46 chapter or any rule promulgated pursuant to this chapter;

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(13) Violation of any professional trust or confidence;

48 (14) Use of any advertisement or solicitation which is false, misleading or deceptive 49 to the general public or persons to whom the advertisement or solicitation is primarily 50 directed.

3. After the filing of such complaint, the proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 621. Upon a finding by the administrative hearing commission that the grounds, provided in subsection 2 of this section, for disciplinary action are met, the board may, singly or in combination, censure or place the person named in the complaint on probation on such terms and conditions as the board deems appropriate for a

56 period not to exceed five years, or may suspend, for a period not to exceed three years, or

57 order a civil penalty under section 327.077, or revoke the license or certificate of authority of 58 the person named in the complaint.

327.442. 1. At such time as the final trial proceedings are concluded whereby a licensee, or any person who has failed to renew or has surrendered his or her certificate of 2 licensure or authority, has been finally adjudicated and found guilty, or has entered a plea of 3 4 guilty or nolo contendere, in a [felony] criminal prosecution pursuant to the laws of [this] any state, [the laws of any other state, territory, or the laws] of the United States [of America], 5 or of any country for any offense [reasonably] directly related to the [qualifications, 6 7 functions, or] duties [of a licensee pursuant to this chapter or any felony offense, an essential element of which is fraud, dishonesty, or an act of violence, or for any felony offense 8 involving moral turpitude,] and responsibilities of the occupation, as set forth in section 9 324.012, regardless of whether or not sentence is imposed, the board for architects, 10 professional engineers, professional land surveyors [and], professional landscape architects, 11 12 and licensed interior designers may hold a disciplinary hearing to singly or in combination 13 censure or place the licensee named in the complaint on probation on such terms and conditions as the board deems appropriate for a period not to exceed five years, or may 14 15 suspend, for a period not to exceed three years, or revoke the license or certificate.

2. Anyone who has been revoked or denied a license or certificate to practice in another state may automatically be denied a license or certificate to practice in this state. However, the board for architects, professional engineers, professional land surveyors [and], professional landscape architects, and licensed interior designers may establish other qualifications by which a person may ultimately be qualified and licensed to practice in Missouri.

327.451. 1. Any person who believes that an architect or a professional engineer or a professional land surveyor or a professional landscape architect or a licensed interior 2 designer has acted or failed to act so that his or her license or certificate of authority should, 3 4 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, be suspended or revoked, or who believes that any applicant for a license or certificate of authority pursuant to the provisions of this chapter is 5 not entitled to a license or a certificate of authority, may file a written affidavit with the 6 executive director of the board which the affiant shall sign and swear to and in which the 7 affiant shall clearly set forth the reasons for the affiant's charge or charges that the license or 8 certificate of authority of an architect or professional engineer or professional land surveyor 9 or professional landscape architect or licensed interior designer should be suspended or 10 11 revoked or not renewed or that a license or certificate of authority should not be issued to an 12 applicant.

13 2. If the affidavit so filed does not contain statements of fact which if true would 14 authorize, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, suspension or revocation of the accused's 15 license or certificate of authority, or does not contain statements of fact which if true would authorize, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the refusal of the renewal of an existing 16 17 license or certificate of authority or the refusal of a license or certificate of authority to an applicant, the board shall either dismiss the charge or charges or, within its discretion, cause 18 19 an investigation to be made of the charges contained in the affidavit, after which investigation 20 the board shall either dismiss the charge or charges or proceed against the accused by written 21 complaint as provided in subsection 3 of this section.

22 3. If the affidavit contains statements of fact which if true would authorize pursuant to 23 the provisions of this chapter the revocation or suspension of an accused's license or 24 certificate of authority, the board shall cause an investigation to be made of the charge or 25 charges contained in the affidavit and unless the investigation discloses the falsity of the facts 26 upon which the charge or charges in the affidavit are based, the board shall file with and in the 27 administrative hearing commission a written complaint against the accused setting forth the 28 cause or causes for which the accused's license or certificate of authority should be suspended 29 or revoked. Thereafter, the board shall be governed by and shall proceed in accordance with 30 the provisions of chapter 621.

31 4. If the charges contained in the affidavit filed with the board would constitute a 32 cause or causes for which pursuant to the provisions of this chapter an accused's license or 33 certificate of authority should not be renewed or a cause or causes for which pursuant to the 34 provisions of this chapter a certificate should not be issued, the board shall cause an 35 investigation to be made of the charge or charges and unless the investigation discloses the falsity of the facts upon which the charge or charges contained in the affidavit are based, the 36 37 board shall refuse to permit an applicant to be examined upon the applicant's qualifications 38 for licensure or shall refuse to issue or renew a license or certificate of authority, as the case 39 may require.

5. The provisions of this section shall not be so construed as to prevent the board on its own initiative from instituting and conducting investigations and based thereon to make written complaints in and to the administrative hearing commission.

6. If for any reason the provisions of chapter 621 become inapplicable to the board, then, and in that event, the board shall proceed to charge, adjudicate and otherwise act in accordance with the provisions of chapter 536.

[324.400.] **327.700.** As used in sections [324.400 to 324.439] **327.700 to 327.750**, the 2 following terms mean:

3 (1) ["Council", the interior design council created in section 324.406] "Accredited 4 degree program from a school of interior design", a degree from any school or other

5 institution that teaches interior design and whose curricula for the degree in question

6 have been, at the time in question, certified as accredited by the Council for Interior

7 Design Accreditation or an accreditation body recognized by the United States 8 Department of Education;

9 (2) ["Division", the division of professional registration] "Building equipment", 10 any mechanical plumbing, electrical, or structural components, including a conveyance,

11 designed for or located in a building or structure;

(3) "Conveyance", an elevator, dumbwaiter, vertical reciprocating conveyor,
 escalator, or other motorized vertical transportation system;

(4) "Interior alteration or construction project", a project, including
 construction, modification, renovation, rehabilitation, or historic preservation, for an
 interior space or area within a proposed or existing building or structure that involves
 changing or altering:

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(a) The design function or layout of a room; or

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(b) The state of permanent fixtures or equipment;

20 (5) "Interior nonstructural element", an interior design element that does not 21 require structural bracing and that is not load-bearing according to any applicable 22 building codes;

(6) "Interior technical submission", the designs, drawings, and specifications that establish the scope of the interior alteration or construction project, the standard of quality for any materials, workmanship, equipment, and construction systems of an interior alteration or construction project, and the studies and other technical reports and calculations prepared in the course of the practice of licensed interior design;

(7) "[Registered] Licensed interior designer", a design professional who provides
services including preparation of documents and specifications relative to nonload-bearing
interior construction, furniture, finishes, fixtures and equipment and who meets the criteria of
education, experience and examination as provided in sections [324.400 to 324.439] 327.700
to 327.750;

(8) "Practice of licensed interior design", the design of interior spaces as a part of an interior alteration or construction project in conformity with public health, safety, and welfare requirements, including the preparation of documents relating to building code descriptions, project egress plans that require no increase in the capacity of exits in the space affected, space planning, finish materials, furnishings, fixtures, equipment, and preparation of documents and interior technical submissions relating to an interior alteration or construction project. The term "practice of licensed interior design":

(a) Shall include:

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41 a. The programming, planning, pre-design analysis, and conceptual design of 42 any interior nonstructural elements including, but not limited to, the selection of 43 materials, furniture, fixtures, and equipment, except for building equipment;

b. The alteration or construction of any interior nonstructural elements and any
interior technical submissions related to such alteration or construction;

c. The preparation of a physical plan of space within a proposed or existing
 building or structure, including:

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(i) Determinations of circulation systems or patterns;

49 (ii) Determinations of the location of exit requirements based on occupancy50 loads; and

51 (iii) Assessments and analyses of any interior safety factors to comply with 52 applicable building codes related to interior nonstructural elements;

d. The application of building codes and accessibility standards, including, but not limited to, the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq., as applicable to interior technical submissions for interior nonstructural elements;

e. The rendering of designs, plans, drawings, specifications, contract documents,
or other interior technical submissions; and

59 f. The administration of the construction of interior nonstructural elements and 60 contracts relating to interior nonstructural elements in the interior alteration or 61 construction of a proposed or existing building or structure; and

62 (b) Shall not include:

a. Services or work that constitute the practice of architecture, as provided in
 section 327.091, except as otherwise provided for in this chapter;

b. Services or work that constitute the practice of professional engineering, as
 provided in section 327.181;

c. Services or work that constitute the practice of professional land surveying, as
provided in section 327.272;

69 d. Services or work that constitute the practice of professional landscape 70 architecture, as defined in section 327.600;

e. Altering or affecting the structural system of a building, including changing
the building's live or dead load on the structural system;

f. Changes to the building envelope, including exterior walls, exterior wall
coverings, exterior wall openings, exterior windows or doors, architectural trim,
balconies and similar projections, bay or oriel windows, roof assemblies and rooftop
structures, and glass and glazing for exterior use in both vertical and sloped applications
in buildings and structures;

g. Altering or affecting the mechanical, plumbing, heating, air conditioning,
 ventilation, electrical, vertical transportation, fire sprinkler, or fire alarm systems;

h. Changes beyond the exterior exit access component of a means of egress81 system;

i. Construction that materially affects any life safety systems pertaining to fire safety or fire protection of structural elements, smoke evacuation and compartmentalization systems, or fire-rated vertical shafts in multi-story structures;

j. Changes of use to an occupancy of greater hazard as determined by the
 International Building Code; or

87 k. Changes to the construction classification of the building or structure 88 according to the International Building Code;

89 (9) "Professional design firm", a partnership, limited partnership, or limited 90 liability partnership consisting of partners licensed to practice the professions regulated by this chapter for the purposes of providing services or work constituting the practice 91 92 of licensed interior design along with the practice of architecture, as provided in section 93 327.091, the practice of professional engineering, as provided in section 327.181, the 94 practice of professional land surveying, as provided in section 327.272, or the practice of 95 professional landscape architecture, as defined in section 327.600, or a general business corporation, professional corporation, or limited liability company with a certificate of 96 97 authority issued pursuant to this chapter that provides services or work constituting the 98 practice of licensed interior design;

99 (10) "Responsible charge", the exercising, directing, guiding, and restraining 100 power of a licensed interior designer over the preparation of an interior technical 101 submission, and the exercise of professional judgment by a licensed interior designer in all matters embodied in the interior technical submission. The term "responsible 102 103 charge" shall not include the reviewing of interior technical submissions prepared by another person unless the licensed interior designer reviewing such interior technical 104 105 submissions actually exercises personal supervision and direct control over the interior technical submission. 106

[324.402.] 327.705. The state or any county, municipality, or other political 2 subdivision shall not require the use of a [registered] licensed interior designer for any 3 residential building, residential remodeling, residential rehabilitation, or residential 4 construction purposes.

[324.403.] 327.710. 1. No person may use the name or title, [registered] licensed 2 interior designer, in this state unless that person is [registered] licensed as required by 3 sections [324.400 to 324.439] 327.700 to 327.750.

4 2. A licensed interior designer shall undertake to perform interior design 5 services only when he or she is qualified by education, training, and experience in the 6 specific technical areas involved.

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3. Nothing in [sections 324.400 to 324.439] this chapter shall be construed as limiting or preventing the practice of a person's interior design profession or restricting a person from providing interior design services, provided such person does not indicate to the public that such person is [registered] licensed as an interior designer pursuant to the provisions of sections [324.400 to 324.439] 327.700 to 327.750.

4. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as preventing or restricting persons
from engaging in professional services limited to the design of kitchen and bath spaces
or the specification of products for kitchen and bath spaces in noncommercial settings.

327.715. 1. A licensed interior designer shall not sign and seal any interior 2 technical submission that was not prepared by or under the responsible charge of the 3 licensed interior designer, except that:

4 (1) The licensed interior designer may sign and seal those portions of the interior 5 technical submission that were prepared by or under the responsible charge of another 6 licensed interior designer that has signed and sealed the documents if the licensed 7 interior designer has reviewed in whole or in part such portions and has either 8 coordinated the preparation of or integrated such portions into the interior design 9 submission;

10 (2) The licensed interior designer may sign and seal portions of any professional 11 work that are not required by this chapter to be prepared by or under the responsible charge of a licensed interior designer if the licensed interior designer has reviewed and 12 13 adopted in whole or in part such portions and has integrated them into the work. The work associated with the combination of services in connection with the design and 14 15 construction of buildings shall be provided by an architect licensed in accordance with this chapter. If engineering or land surveying services are required in association with 16 17 an interior nonstructural project being performed by a licensed interior designer, the 18 documents that have already been properly sealed by a professional engineer or professional land surveyor may be compiled by a licensed interior designer. Each design 19 professional shall seal the respective documents and shall not seal a document that was 20 21 not prepared under the design professional's responsible charge. For all other projects, 22 engineering or land surveying services shall be procured separately from the licensed 23 interior designer; and

(3) A partner, owner, officer, member, or managing agent of a professional
 design firm who has professional knowledge of the contents of the interior technical
 submissions and intends to be responsible for the adequacy of the interior technical

submissions may sign and seal interior technical submissions that are prepared by or under the responsible charge of a licensed interior designer who is licensed in this state and who is in the regular employment of the professional design firm of the partner, owner, officer, member, or managing agent.

31 2. The licensed interior designer exercising responsible charge under which the 32 interior technical submissions or portions of the interior technical submissions were 33 prepared shall be identified on the interior technical submissions or portions of the 34 interior technical submissions by name and license number. Any licensed interior 35 designer who signs and seals interior technical submissions not prepared by that licensed interior designer but prepared under that licensed interior designer's 36 responsible charge by persons not regularly employed in the same professional design 37 38 firm as the licensed interior designer shall maintain and make available to the board 39 upon request for at least five years following such signing and sealing adequate and complete records demonstrating the nature and extent of the licensed interior designer's 40 41 responsible charge over, and detailed professional knowledge of, the interior technical 42 submissions throughout their preparation.

[324.409.] 327.720. 1. To be a [registered] licensed interior designer, a person:

(1) Shall take and pass or have passed the examination administered by the [National]
Council for Interior Design Qualification or an equivalent examination approved by the
[division] board. In addition to proof of passage of the examination, the application shall
provide substantial evidence to the [division] board that the applicant:

6 (a) Is a graduate of a five-year or four-year **accredited degree program from a** 7 **school of** interior design [program from an accredited institution] and has completed at least 8 two years of diversified and appropriate interior design experience; or

9 (b) [Has completed at least three years of an interior design curriculum from an 10 accredited institution and has completed at least three years of diversified and appropriate 11 interior design experience; or

12 (e)] Is a graduate of a two-year accredited degree program from a school of interior 13 design [program from an accredited institution] and has completed at least four years of 14 diversified and appropriate interior design experience; or

15 (2) May qualify who is currently [registered] licensed pursuant to sections 327.091 to 16 327.171, and section 327.401 pertaining to the practice of architecture [and registered with 17 the division. Such applicant shall give authorization to the division in order to verify current 18 registration with sections 327.091 to 327.171 and section 327.401 pertaining to the practice of 19 architecture].

2. An applicant whose curriculum or transcript has been approved by the board
 shall be exempt from the requirement to provide substantial evidence that the applicant
 meets paragraph (a) or (b) of subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of this section.

3. The [division] board shall verify if an applicant has complied with the provisions
of this section and has paid the required fees, then the [division] board shall recommend such
applicant be [registered] licensed as a [registered] licensed interior designer by the [division]
board.

[324.415.] **327.725.** Applications for [registration] licensure as a [registered] licensed interior designer shall be typewritten on forms prescribed by the [division] board 2 and furnished to the applicant. The application shall contain the applicant's statements 3 showing the applicant's education, experience, results of previous interior design certification, 4 5 registration, or licensing examinations, if any, and such other pertinent information as the 6 [division] board may require, or architect's license or registration number and such other pertinent information as the [division] board may require. Each application shall contain a 7 statement that is made under oath or affirmation and that the representations are true and 8 correct to the best knowledge and belief of the person signing the application. The person 9 shall be subject to the penalties for making a false affidavit or declaration and shall be 10 11 accompanied by the required fee.

[324.418.] 327.730. 1. The [certificate of registration] license issued biennially to a [registered] licensed interior designer pursuant to sections [324.400 to 324.439] 327.700 to 2 3 327.750 shall be renewed on or before the [certificate] license renewal date accompanied by 4 the required fee. The [eertificate of registration] license of a [registered] licensed interior 5 designer which is not renewed within three months after the [certificate] license renewal date shall be suspended automatically, subject to the right of the holder to have the suspended 6 [certificate of registration] license reinstated within nine months of the date of suspension if 7 the person pays the required reinstatement fee. Any [certificate of registration] license 8 9 suspended and not reinstated within nine months of the suspension date shall expire and be 10 void and the holder of such [certificate] license shall have no rights or privileges provided to holders of valid [certificates] licenses. Any person whose [certificate of registration] license 11 has expired may, upon demonstration of current qualifications and payment of required fees, 12 be [reregistered] relicensed or reauthorized under the person's original [certificate of 13 registration] license number. 14

Each application for the renewal or reinstatement of a [registration] license shall be
 on a form furnished to the applicant and shall be accompanied by the required fees [and proof
 of current completion of at least one unit every two years of approved or verifiable continuing
 education in interior design or architecture, immediately prior to such renewal or
 reinstatement. Ten contact hours constitutes one continuing education unit. Five contact

20 hours of teaching in interior design or architecture constitutes one continuing education unit.

21 One college course credit in interior design or architecture constitutes one continuing

22 education unit].

23 **3.** The board shall establish, by rule, continuing education requirements as a 24 condition to renewing or reinstating the license of an interior designer that are 25 substantially equivalent to the continuing education requirements for architects.

[324.427.] 327.735. It is unlawful for any person to advertise or indicate to the public
that the person is a [registered] licensed interior designer in this state, unless such person is
[registered] licensed as a [registered] licensed interior designer by the [division] board and is
in good standing pursuant to sections [324.400 to 324.439] 327.700 to 327.750.

[324.430.] 327.740. No person may use the designation [registered] licensed interior designer in Missouri, unless the [division] board has issued a current [certificate of registration] license certifying that the person has been duly [registered] licensed as a [registered] licensed interior designer in Missouri and unless such [registration] license has been renewed or reinstated as provided in section [324.418] 327.730.

[324.433.] 327.745. The right to use the title of [registered] licensed interior designer shall be deemed a personal right, based upon the qualifications of the individual, evidenced by the person's current [certificate of registration] license and such [certificate] license is not transferable; except that, a [registered] licensed interior designer may perform the [interior designer's profession] practice of licensed interior design through, or as a member of, or as an employee of, a partnership or corporation.

[324.439.] 327.750. [After twenty-four months after August 28, 1998,] Any person 2 who violates any provision of sections [324.400 to 324.439] 327.700 to 327.750 shall be 3 guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

537.033. 1. As used in this section, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the 2 following words and terms shall have the meanings indicated:

3 (1) "Design professional", an architect, landscape architect, professional land 4 surveyor, [or] professional engineer, or licensed interior designer licensed under the 5 provisions of chapter 327 or any professional design firm, as defined in section 327.700, or 6 corporation authorized to practice architecture, landscape architecture, land surveying, or 7 engineering under section 327.401 while acting within their scope of practice;

8 (2) "Lessons learned", internal meetings, classes, publications in any medium, 9 presentations, lectures, or other means of teaching and communicating after substantial 10 completion of the project which are conducted solely and exclusively by and with the 11 employees, partners, and coworkers of the design professional who prepared the project's 12 design for the purpose of learning best practices and reducing errors and omissions in design 13 documents and procedures. Lessons learned shall not include presentations, lectures,

14 teaching, or communication made to or by third parties who are not employees, partners, and 15 coworkers of the design professional whose work is being evaluated and discussed;

(3) "Peer review process", a process through which design professionals evaluate,
 maintain, or monitor the quality and utilization of architectural, landscape architectural, land
 surveying, [or] engineering services, or interior design services, prepare internal lessons

19 learned, or exercise any combination of such responsibilities;

(4) "Substantial completion", the construction of the project covered by the design
professional's design documents has reached substantial completion, as that term is defined in
section 436.327.

23 2. A peer review process shall only be performed by a design professional licensed in 24 any jurisdiction in the United States in the same profession as would be required under 25 chapter 327 to prepare the design documents being reviewed, or in a case requiring multiple 26 professions, by a person or persons holding the proper licenses. A peer review process may 27 be performed by one or more design professionals appointed by the partners, shareholders, board of directors, chief executive officer, quality control director, or employed design 28 29 professionals of a professional design firm, as such term is defined in section 327.700, or 30 of a partnership or of a corporation authorized under section 327.401 to practice architecture, 31 landscape architecture, land surveying, or engineering, or by the owner of a sole proprietorship engaged in one or more of such professions. Any individual identified in 32 33 this subsection and performing a peer review shall be deemed a peer reviewer.

34 3. Each peer reviewer described in this subsection shall be immune from civil liability 35 for such acts so long as the acts are performed in good faith, without malice, and are 36 reasonably related to the scope of inquiry of the peer review process. The immunity in this 37 subsection is intended to cover only outside peer reviews by a third-party design professional 38 who is not an employee, coworker, or partner of the design professional whose design is 39 being peer reviewed before substantial completion of the project and who has no other role in 40 the project besides performing the peer review.

41 4. This section does not provide immunity to any in-house peer reviewer when 42 performed by employees, coworkers, or partners of the design professional who prepares the 43 design, nor are any such documents or peer review comments, other than lessons learned, 44 inadmissible into evidence in any judicial or administrative action.

5. Except for documents related to lessons learned, the interviews, memoranda, proceedings, findings, deliberations, reports, and minutes of the peer review process, or the existence of the same, concerning the professional services provided to a client or member of the public are subject to discovery, subpoena, or other means of legal compulsion for their release to any person or entity and shall be admissible into evidence in any judicial or administrative action for failure to provide appropriate architectural, landscape architectural,

51 land surveying, [or] engineering, or interior design services, subject to applicable rules of 52 the court or tribunal. Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person who was in 53 attendance at, or participated in, any lessons learned process or proceedings shall be permitted 54 or required to disclose any information acquired in connection with or in the course of such 55 proceeding, or to disclose any opinion, recommendation, or evaluation made in a lessons learned process or proceeding; provided, however, that information otherwise discoverable or 56 57 admissible from original sources is not to be construed as immune from discovery or use in 58 any proceeding merely because it was presented during a lessons learned process or 59 proceeding nor is a member, employee, or agent involved in any such process or proceeding, or other person appearing before a peer reviewer, to be prevented from testifying as to matters 60 within his or her personal knowledge and in accordance with the other provisions of this 61 62 section, but such witness cannot be questioned about a lessons learned process or proceeding 63 or about opinions formed as a result of such process or proceeding. The disclosure of any memoranda, proceedings, reports, or minutes of a lessons learned proceeding to any person or 64 65 entity, including but not limited to governmental agencies, professional accrediting agencies, 66 or other design professionals, whether proper or improper, shall not waive or have any effect 67 upon its confidentiality, nondiscoverability, or nonadmissibility.

68 6. Nothing in this section shall limit authority otherwise provided by law of the 69 Missouri board for architects, professional engineers, professional land surveyors, [and] 70 professional landscape architects, and licensed interior designers to obtain information by 71 subpoena or other authorized process from a peer reviewer or to require disclosure of 72 otherwise confidential information relating to matters and investigations within the 73 jurisdiction of such licensing board.

621.045. 1. The administrative hearing commission shall conduct hearings and make findings of fact and conclusions of law in those cases when, under the law, a license issued by any of the following agencies may be revoked or suspended or when the licensee may be placed on probation or when an agency refuses to permit an applicant to be examined upon his or her qualifications or refuses to issue or renew a license of an applicant who has passed an examination for licensure or who possesses the qualifications for licensure without rexamination:

8 Missouri State Board of Accountancy

9 Missouri State Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land 10 Surveyors [and], Professional Landscape Architects, and Licensed Interior Designers

11 Board of Barber Examiners

12 Board of Cosmetology

13 Board of Chiropody and Podiatry

14 Board of Chiropractic Examiners

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Missouri Dental Board
Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors
Board of Registration for the Healing Arts
Board of Nursing
Board of Optometry
Board of Pharmacy

21 Missouri Real Estate Commission

22 Missouri Veterinary Medical Board

23 Supervisor of Liquor Control

24 Department of Health and Senior Services

25 Department of Commerce and Insurance

26 Department of Mental Health

27 Board of Private Investigator Examiners.

28 2. If in the future there are created by law any new or additional administrative 29 agencies which have the power to issue, revoke, suspend, or place on probation any license, 30 then those agencies are under the provisions of this law.

3. The administrative hearing commission is authorized to conduct hearings and make
 findings of fact and conclusions of law in those cases brought by the Missouri state board for
 architects, professional engineers, professional land surveyors [and], professional landscape
 architects, and licensed interior designers against unlicensed persons under section 327.076.
 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, after August

36 28, 1995, in order to encourage settlement of disputes between any agency described in
37 subsection 1 or 2 of this section and its licensees, any such agency shall:

(1) Provide the licensee with a written description of the specific conduct for which
discipline is sought and a citation to the law and rules allegedly violated, together with copies
of any documents which are the basis thereof and the agency's initial settlement offer, or file a
contested case against the licensee;

42 (2) If no contested case has been filed against the licensee, allow the licensee at least 43 sixty days, from the date of mailing, to consider the agency's initial settlement offer and to 44 contact the agency to discuss the terms of such settlement offer;

(3) If no contested case has been filed against the licensee, advise the licensee that the licensee may, either at the time the settlement agreement is signed by all parties, or within fifteen days thereafter, submit the agreement to the administrative hearing commission for determination that the facts agreed to by the parties to the settlement constitute grounds for denying or disciplining the license of the licensee; and

50 (4) In any contact under this subsection by the agency or its counsel with a licensee 51 who is not represented by counsel, advise the licensee that the licensee has the right to consult 52 an attorney at the licensee's own expense.

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5. If the licensee desires review by the administrative hearing commission under 53 54 subdivision (3) of subsection 4 of this section at any time prior to the settlement becoming 55 final, the licensee may rescind and withdraw from the settlement and any admissions of fact 56 or law in the agreement shall be deemed withdrawn and not admissible for any purposes 57 under the law against the licensee. Any settlement submitted to the administrative hearing 58 commission shall not be effective and final unless and until findings of fact and conclusions of law are entered by the administrative hearing commission that the facts agreed to by the 59 parties to the settlement constitute grounds for denying or disciplining the license of the 60 61 licensee.

62 6. When a holder of a license, registration, permit, or certificate of authority issued by the division of professional registration or a board, commission, or committee of the division 63 64 of professional registration against whom an affirmative decision is sought has failed to plead 65 or otherwise respond in the contested case and adequate notice has been given under sections 536.067 and 621.100 upon a properly pled writing filed to initiate the contested case under 66 67 this chapter or chapter 536, a default decision shall be entered against the licensee without further proceedings. The default decision shall grant such relief as requested by the division 68 of professional registration, board, committee, commission, or office in the writing initiating 69 the contested case as allowed by law. Upon motion stating facts constituting a meritorious 70 71 defense and for good cause shown, a default decision may be set aside. The motion shall be made within a reasonable time, not to exceed thirty days after entry of the default decision. 72 73 "Good cause" includes a mistake or conduct that is not intentionally or recklessly designed to impede the administrative process. 74

[324.406. 1. There is hereby created within the division of 2 professional registration a council to be known as the "Interior Design 3 Council". The council shall consist of four interior designers and one public 4 member appointed by the director of the division. The director shall give due 5 consideration to the recommendations by state organizations of the interior 6 design profession for the appointment of the interior design members to the 7 council. Council members shall be appointed to serve a term of four years; except that of the members first appointed, one interior design member and the 8 9 public member shall be appointed for terms of four years, one member shall be 10 appointed for a term of three years, one member shall be appointed for a term of two years and one member shall be appointed for a term of one year. No 11 12 member of the council shall serve more than two terms.

132. Each council member, other than the public member, shall be a14eitizen of the United States, a resident of the state of Missouri for at least one15year, meet the qualifications for professional registration, practice interior

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design as the person's principal livelihood and, except for the first members
 appointed, be registered pursuant to sections 324.400 to 324.439 as an interior
 designer.

3. The public member shall be, at the time of such person's appointment, a citizen of the United States, a registered voter, a person who is not and never was a member of the profession regulated by sections 324.400 to 324.439 or the spouse of such a person and a person who does not have and never has had a material financial interest in the providing of the professional services regulated by sections 324.400 to 324.439. The duties of the public member shall not include the determination of the technical requirements for the registration of persons as interior designers.

4. The provisions of section 324.028 pertaining to members of certain state boards and commissions shall apply to all members of the council.

5. Members of the council may be removed from office for cause. Upon the death, resignation or removal from office of any member of the council, the appointment to fill the vacancy shall be for the unexpired portion of the term so vacated and shall be filled in the same manner as the first appointment and due notice be given to the state organizations of the interior design profession prior to the appointment.

35 6. Each member of the council may receive as compensation an
amount set by the division not to exceed fifty dollars per day and shall be
reimbursed for the member's reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in
the official performance of the member's duties as a member of the council.
The director shall establish by rule guidelines for payment.

407. The council shall meet at least twice each year and guide, advise,41and make recommendations to the division on matters within the scope of42sections 324.400 to 324.439. The organization of the council shall be43established by the members of the council.

[324.412. The division shall:

(1) Employ, within the limits of the appropriations for that purpose, such employees as are necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 324.400 to 324.439;

5 (2) Exercise all budgeting, purchasing, reporting and other related 6 management functions;

(3) Recommend prosecution for violations of sections 324.400 to 324.439 to the appropriate prosecuting or circuit attorney;

9 (4) Promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to 10 administer the provisions of sections 324.400 to 324.439. Any rule or portion 11 of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is promulgated to 12 administer and enforce sections 324.400 to 324.439, shall become effective 13 only if the agency has fully complied with all of the requirements of chapter 14 536, including but not limited to, section 536.028, if applicable, after August 15 28, 1998. If the provisions of section 536.028 apply, the provisions of this section are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general 16 17 assembly pursuant to section 536.028 to review, to delay the effective date, or 18 to disapprove and annul a rule or portion of a rule are held unconstitutional or 19 invalid, the purported grant of rulemaking authority and any rule so proposed

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and contained in the order of rulemaking shall be invalid and void, except that
 nothing in this section shall affect the validity of any rule adopted and
 promulgated prior to August 28, 1998.]

[324.421. The division shall register without examination any interior designer certified, licensed or registered in a foreign country if the applicant has qualifications which are at least equivalent to the requirements for registration as a registered interior designer in this state and such applicant pays the required fees.]

[324.424. 1. The division shall set the amount of the fees authorized by sections 324.400 to 324.439 by rules and regulations. The fees shall be set at a level to produce revenue which shall not substantially exceed the cost and expense of administering sections 324.400 to 324.439. All fees required pursuant to sections 324.400 to 324.439 shall be paid to and collected by the division of professional registration and transmitted to the department of revenue for deposit in the state treasury to the credit of the "Interior Designer Council Fund", which is hereby created.

9 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, 10 money in the fund shall not be transferred and placed to the credit of general 11 revenue until the amount in the fund at the end of the biennium exceeds three 12 times the amount of the appropriation to the council for the preceding fiscal 13 year. The amount, if any, in the fund which shall lapse is the amount in the 14 fund which exceeds the appropriate multiple of the appropriations to the 15 council for the preceding fiscal year.]

[324.436. 1. The division may refuse to issue any certificate required2233455667628228223344555667676282210101112131415161617171717171817191010101112131414151616171717181717171817181818181818181818181818181818181818181818181818181818<

8 2. The division may cause a complaint to be filed with the 9 administrative hearing commission as provided by chapter 621 against any 10 holder of a certificate of registration required by sections 324.400 to 324.439 11 or any person who has failed to renew or has surrendered the person's 12 certificate of registration for any one or combination of the following reasons:

(1) The person has been finally adjudicated and found guilty, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, in a criminal prosecution under the laws of any state or of the United States, or of any country, for any offense directly related to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation, as set forth in section 324.012, regardless of whether or not sentence is imposed;

(2) Use of fraud, deception, misrepresentation or bribery in securing
 any certificate of registration issued pursuant to sections 324.400 to 324.439 or
 in obtaining permission to take any examination given or required pursuant to
 sections 324.400 to 324.439;

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22 (3) Obtaining or attempting to obtain any fee, charge, tuition or other
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24 (4) Incompetency, misconduct, gross negligence, fraud,
 25 misrepresentation or dishonesty in the performance of the functions or
 26 duties of the profession regulated by sections 324.400 to 324.439;
 27 (5) Violation of, or assisting or enabling any person to violate, any

(5) Violation of, or assisting or enabling any person to violate, any provision of sections 324.400 to 324.439, or of any lawful rule or regulation adopted pursuant to such sections;

30 (6) Impersonation of any person holding a certificate of registration or
 31 authority, permit or license or allowing any person to use the person's
 32 certificate or diploma from any school;

(7) Disciplinary action against the holder of a certificate of registration or other right to perform the profession regulated by sections 324.400 to 324.439 granted by another state, territory, federal agency or country upon grounds for which revocation or suspension is authorized in this state;

(8) A person is finally adjudged insane or incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction;

(9) Issuance of a certificate of registration based upon a material mistake of fact;

41 (10) Use of any advertisement or solicitation which is false,
 42 misleading or deceptive to the general public or persons to whom the
 43 advertisement or solicitation is primarily directed, as it relates to the interior
 44 design profession.

45 After the filing of a complaint pursuant to subsection 2 of this 46 section, the proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions 47 of chapter 536 and chapter 621. Upon a finding by the administrative hearing 48 commission that the grounds, provided in subsection 2 of this section, for 49 disciplinary action are met, the division shall censure or place the person 50 named in the complaint on probation for a period not to exceed five years or 51 may suspend the person's certificate for a period not to exceed three years or 52 may revoke the person's certificate of registration.]

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