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House Bill 4535 (Substitute H-4 as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Michael J. Griffin

House Committee: Regulatory Affairs

Senate Committee: Economic Development, International Trade and Regulatory Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Occupational Code to specify that an interior designer could perform services in connection with the design of interior spaces including preparation of documents relative to finishes, systems furniture, furnishings, fixtures, equipment, and interior partitions that did not affect the building mechanical, structural, electrical, or fire safety systems. (The Code currently states that it does not apply to a person engaging in or practicing interior design.) The bill also would require the Board of Architects to create an advisory subcommittee on interior design, which would have to verify by majority vote the qualifications for the performance of services on the basis of education and experience and to recommend the qualifications of those interior designers to perform the services. The bill would be effective October 1, 1998.

Under the bill, "interior designer" would mean an individual engaged in the services described above, who met one or more of the following requirements:

- Beginning on the bill's effective date, had proof of passing the complete 1997 examination offered by the National Council for Interior Design Qualification.
- Before the bill's effective date, was engaged in the services described above and had proof of passing any complete examination offered by the National Council for Interior Design Qualification.
- Until a year after the Board confirmed that the subcommittee was fully functional, demonstrated to the subcommittee that the individual was engaged in the services described above and had met the qualifications of education and experience that would confer eligibility for sitting for the 1997 examination.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would allow the Department of Consumer and Industry Services to establish a fee structure through the promulgation of rules. If the Department chose to assess fees, then additional revenue could be generated. The total amount of revenue that would be generated would depend on the level at which these fees would be set.

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