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Introduced by Rep. Griffin

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 4535

AN ACT to amend 1980 PA 299, entitled "An act to revise, consolidate, and classify the laws of this state regarding the regulation of certain occupations; to create a board for each of those occupations; to establish the powers and duties of certain departments and agencies and the boards of each occupation; to provide for the promulgation of rules; to provide for certain fees; to provide for penalties and civil fines; to establish rights, relationships, and remedies of certain persons under certain circumstances; to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," by amending section 601 (MCL 339.601), as amended by 1994 PA 400, and by adding section 601a.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 601. (1) A person shall not engage in or attempt to engage in the practice of an occupation regulated under this act or use a title designated in this act unless the person possesses a license or registration issued by the department for the occupation.

(2) A school, institution, or person shall not operate or attempt to operate a barber college, school of cosmetology, or real estate school unless the school, institution, or person is licensed or approved by the department.

(3) A person, school, or institution which violates subsection (1) or (2) is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00, or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both.

(4) A person, school, or institution which violates subsection (1) or (2) a second or any subsequent time is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable, except as provided in section 735, by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both.

(5) Notwithstanding the existence and pursuit of any other remedy, an affected person may maintain injunctive action to restrain or prevent a person from violating subsection (1) or (2). If successful in obtaining injunctive relief, the affected person shall be entitled to actual costs and attorney fees.

(6) Nothing in this act shall apply to a person engaging in or practicing the following:

(a) Interior design.

(b) Building design.

(c) Any activity for which the person is licensed under 1929 PA 266, MCL 338.901 to 338.917.

(d) Any activity for which the person is licensed under the Forbes mechanical contractors act, 1984 PA 192, MCL 338.971 to 338.988.

(e) Any activity for which the person is licensed under the electrical administrative act, 1956 PA 217, MCL 338.881 to 338.892.

(7) As used in subsection (5), "affected person" means a person directly affected by the actions of a person suspected of violating subsection (1) or (2) and includes, but is not limited to, a board established pursuant to this act, a person who has utilized the services of the person engaging in or attempting to engage in an occupation regulated under this act or using a title designated by this act without being licensed or registered by the department, or a private association composed primarily of members of the occupation in which the person is engaging in or attempting to engage in or in which the person is using a title designated under this act without being registered or licensed by the department.

(8) An investigation may be conducted under article 6 to enforce this section. A person who violates this section shall be subject to the strictures prescribed in this section and section 506.

(9) The remedies under this section are independent and cumulative. The use of 1 remedy by a person shall not bar the use of other lawful remedies by that person or the use of a lawful remedy by another person.

(10) An interior designer may 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 do not affect the building mechanical, structural, electrical, or fire safety systems.

Sec. 601a. (1) There is created in the department an advisory subcommittee on interior design to consist of not more than 5 individuals selected by the department. Of the 5 individuals, 2 shall be licensed architects and the remaining members shall be interior designers chosen from a list of interior designers submitted to the department by nationally recognized associations of interior designers. The department shall assure that the advisory subcommittee on interior design is fully functional not later than 6 months after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section and shall cease to exist after it has reviewed the last application made under subsection (4)(c). The purpose of the advisory subcommittee on interior design is to verify, by majority vote of its members, the qualifications of interior designers who have not passed an examination as further described in subsection (4)(c) but who seek qualification for the performance of services described in section 601(10) on the basis of education and experience and to recommend the qualifications of those interior designers to perform the services described in section 601(10). The advisory subcommittee on interior design shall also compile a list of all individuals considered qualified to perform the services described in section 601(10). The advisory subcommittee on interior design shall give the list to the board of architects for review and consideration of those persons determined to have met the standards described in subsection (4). The approval of individuals considered qualified shall occur not less than 90 days after the list is submitted to the board of architects. A person whose qualifications are not approved by the board of architects may appeal that determination to the director or his or her designee. The department shall make the list of persons determined to have met the standards described in subsection (4) electronically available to the state or any local unit of government capable of issuing permits under the state construction code act of 1972, 1972 PA 230, MCL 125.1501 to 125.1531.

(2) The director may promulgate rules to administer this section. The rules may include, but are not limited to, reasonable fees charged to individuals seeking qualification for performing services under section 601(10) and procedures for adding and removing individuals from the list of qualified interior designers.

(3) An interior designer shall have a rectangular nonembossed stamp with the interior designer's name, business address, title "interior designer", and certificate number issued by the national council for interior design qualification, if applicable. Use of the stamp shall be accompanied by the original signature of the interior designer.

(4) As used in this section and section 601, "interior designer" means an individual engaged in the activities described in section 601(10) who meets 1 or more of the following:

(a) Beginning on the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection, has proof of passing the complete 1997 examination or other examination adopted by reference by the department and offered by the national council for interior design qualification. For purposes of this subsection, that examination and the qualifications to sit for that examination are adopted by reference and any subsequent update or revision of that examination or the qualifications to sit for that examination may, by rule promulgated by the director, be adopted by reference by the department.

(b) Was engaged, before the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection, in the activities described in section 601(10) and has proof of passing any complete examination offered by the national council for interior design qualification. Passage of any past examination offered by the national council for interior design qualification is adequate to qualify an interior designer for the exemption described in section 601(10).

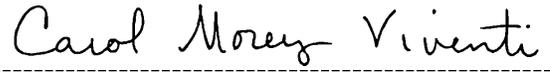
(c) Until the expiration of 1 year after the date of the establishment of the advisory subcommittee on interior design, demonstrates to the advisory subcommittee on interior design that he or she was engaged in the activities described in section 601(10) and meets the qualifications of education and experience that would confer eligibility for sitting for the 1997 or other examination offered by the national council for interior design qualification.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect October 1, 1998.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Clerk of the House of Representatives.



Secretary of the Senate.

Approved -----

Governor.