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BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act relating to the practice of architecture, engineering, and land surveying."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 08.48.221 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.48.221. SEALS. Each registrant may obtain a seal of the design authorized by the board, bearing the registrant's name, registration number, and the legend, "Registered Professional Architect," "Registered Professional Engineer," or "Registered Professional Land Surveyor," as appropriate. When a registrant issues final drawings, specifications, surveys, plats, plates, reports, or similar documents, the registrant shall sign the documents and stamp the documents with the seal. [FINAL DRAWINGS, SPECIFICATIONS, SURVEYS, PLATS, PLATES, REPORTS AND OTHER SIMILAR DOCUMENTS SHALL, WHEN ISSUED, BE SIGNED AND STAMPED WITH THE SEAL.] The board shall adopt regulations governing the use of seals by the registrant. An architect, engineer, or land surveyor may not affix or permit a seal and signature to be affixed to an instrument after the expiration of a certificate or for the purpose of aiding or abetting another person to evade or attempt

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to evade a provision of this chapter. The registrant, by affixing the registrant's seal to final drawings, specifications, surveys, plats, plates, reports, and other similar documents, and signing them, certifies that these documents were prepared by or under the registrant's direct supervision, unless the registrant certifies on the face of the document to the extent of the registrant's responsibility.

* Sec. 2. AS 08.48.281 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.48.281. PROHIBITED PRACTICE. A person may not practice or offer to practice the profession of architecture, engineering, or land surveying in the state, or use in connection with the person's name or otherwise assume or advertise a title or description tending to convey the impression that the person is an architect, an engineer, or a land surveyor, unless the person has been registered under the provisions of this chapter or is a person to whom these provisions do not apply, or, in the case of a corporation, unless it has been authorized under this chapter.

* Sec. 3. AS 08.48.331 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.48.331. EXEMPTIONS. This chapter does not apply to

(1) a contractor performing work designed by a professional architect or engineer or the supervision of the construction of the work as a supervisor or superintendent for a contractor;

(2) workers in building trades crafts, superintendents, supervisors, or inspectors in the performance of their customary duties;

(3) an officer or employee of the United States government practicing architecture, engineering, or land surveying as required by the person's official capacity;

(4) an employee or a subordinate of a person registered under this chapter if the work or service is done under the direct supervision of a person registered under this chapter;

(5) associates, consultants, or specialists retained by a registered individual, a partnership of registered individuals, or a corporation authorized to practice architecture, engineering, or land surveying under this chapter, in the performance of professional services if responsible charge of the work remains with
the individual, the partnership, or a designated representative of the corporation;

(6) a person preparing drawings or specifications for

(A) a building for the person's own use and occupancy as a single family residence;

(B) farm or ranch buildings, unless the public health, safety, or welfare is involved;

(C) a building that is intended to be used only as a residence by not more than four families and that is not more than two stories high;

(D) a garage, workshop, or similar building that contains less than 2,000 square feet of floor space to be used for a private noncommercial purpose;

(7) a specialty contractor licensed under AS 08.18 while engaged in the business of construction contracting or designing systems for work within the specialty to be performed or supervised by the specialty contractor, or a contractor preparing shop or field drawings for work that the specialty contractor has contracted to perform;

(8) a person furnishing drawings, specifications, instruments of service, or other data for alterations or repairs to a building that do not change or affect the structural system or the safety of the building, or that do not affect the public health, safety, or welfare;

(9) a person who is employed by a postsecondary educational institution to teach engineering, architectural, or land surveying courses; in this paragraph, "postsecondary educational institution" has the meaning given in AS 14.48.210;

(10) an officer or employee of an individual, firm, partnership, association, utility, or corporation, who practices engineering involved in the operation of the employer's business only, and further provided that neither the employee nor the employer offers engineering services to the public; exclusions under this paragraph do not apply to buildings or structures whose primary use is public occupancy.