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Senate Bill 73 Summary of Changes

Version S to Version D

The legislation was amended to include changes requested by the American Society of Interior Designers and American Institute of Architects Working Group. The Working Group was formed for collaborative work between interior designers and architects on Senate Bill 73. During the last Working Group meeting, the architects and interior designers came to consensus agreement on amendments for Senate Bill 73. Version D of Senate Bill 73 incorporates these as agreed upon by the Working Group.

All language related to changing the name from the “State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors” (AELS) to the “State Board of Registration for Design Professionals” were removed. Senate Bill 73 will no longer change the name of the board.

Language to increase the board to 13 members instead of 11. Separate seats for an electrical engineer and mechanical engineer were created. Language that allows more than one electrical engineer or more than one mechanical engineer to serve simultaneously on the board if a member of the other profession is not available to fill the position designated for that profession was added. Additionally, a seat for a registered interior designer position is added to the board.

Transitional language was added to include a voting board member seat for an interior designer on the AELS Board for the period before the legislation’s registration requirement is implemented. The interior designer board member must be an Alaska resident for at least 3 years immediately preceding their appointment, and they must be certified by the Council for Interior Design Qualification.

The word “registered” was included before “interior design” and “interior designer” for specificity throughout the bill, with a few exceptions.

Restrictions that limited the scope of practice of registered interior designers were removed so that the AELS Board could create their own guidelines for practices of registered interior design.

New definitions of the practice of registered interior design were aligned to existing definitions of other professional design disciplines.