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4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 3098

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8                                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9           An Act relating to professions and occupations;  
10          amending 59 O.S. 2011, Sections 46.1, as amended by  
11          Section 1, Chapter 234, O.S.L. 2014, 46.2, as amended  
12          by Section 2, Chapter 234, O.S.L. 2014, 46.3, as  
13          amended by Section 3, Chapter 234, O.S.L. 2014, 46.4,  
14          as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 234, O.S.L.  
15          2014, 46.7, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 24,  
16          O.S.L. 2015, 46.9, as amended by Section 7, Chapter  
17          234, O.S.L. 2014, 46.10, 46.12, 46.14, as last  
18          amended by Section 3, Chapter 363, O.S.L. 2019,  
19          46.17, 46.18, as amended by Section 10, Chapter 234,  
20          O.S.L. 2014, 46.19, 46.21, as amended by Section 12,  
21          Chapter 234, O.S.L. 2014, 46.21b, as amended by  
22          Section 13, Chapter 234, O.S.L. 2014, 46.24, as last  
23          amended by Section 4, Chapter 363, O.S.L. 2019,  
24          46.25, 46.28, as amended by Section 17, Chapter 234,  
            O.S.L. 2014, 46.31, as last amended by Section 5,  
            Chapter 363, O.S.L. 2019, 46.34, as amended by  
            Section 23, Chapter 234, O.S.L. 2014, 46.38, as  
            amended by Section 25, Chapter 234, O.S.L. 2014,  
            46.39, as amended by Section 26, Chapter 234, O.S.L.  
            2014, 46.40 and 46.41, as amended by Section 27,  
            Chapter 234, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2019,  
            Sections 46.1, 46.2, 46.3, 46.4, 46.7, 46.9, 46.14,  
            46.18, 46.21, 46.21b, 46.24, 46.28, 46.31, 46.34,  
            46.38, 46.39 and 46.41), which relate to the State  
            Architectural and Registered Interior Designers Act;  
            modifying short title; modifying purpose of act;  
            modifying various references to name of act;  
            modifying definitions; defining terms; re-creating  
            Board of Governors of the Licensed Architects,

1 Landscape Architects and Registered Commercial  
2 Interior Designers of Oklahoma; extending sunset  
3 date; increasing membership of Board; modifying  
4 powers and duties of the Board; providing for use of  
5 certain code groups; modifying registration of  
6 commercial interior designers; modifying waiver of  
7 educational and examination requirements; providing  
8 for use of interior designer seal; providing  
9 exceptions; providing for codification; providing an  
10 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 46.1, as  
13 amended by Section 1, Chapter 234, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2019,  
14 Section 46.1), is amended to read as follows:

15 Section 46.1 Section 46.1 et seq. of this title shall be known  
16 and may be cited as the "State Architectural and Registered  
17 Commercial Interior Designers Act".

18 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 46.2, as  
19 amended by Section 2, Chapter 234, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2019,  
20 Section 46.2), is amended to read as follows:

21 Section 46.2 In order to safeguard life, health and property  
22 and to promote ~~the~~ public welfare, the professions of architecture,  
23 ~~and~~ landscape architecture and registered commercial interior design  
24 are declared to be subject to regulation in the public interest. It  
is unlawful for any person to practice or offer to practice  
architecture or landscape architecture in this state, as defined in  
the provisions of the State Architectural and Registered Commercial

1 Interior Designers Act, use in connection with the person's name, or  
2 otherwise assume the title of architect, landscape architect or  
3 registered commercial interior designer, or advertise any title or  
4 description tending to convey the impression that the person is a  
5 licensed architect or landscape architect or registered commercial  
6 interior designer unless the person is duly licensed or exempt from  
7 licensure or registration under the State Architectural and  
8 Registered Commercial Interior Designers Act. The practice of  
9 architecture and landscape architecture and the use of the titles  
10 architect, landscape architect and registered commercial interior  
11 designer are privileges granted by the state through the Board of  
12 Governors of the Licensed Architects, Landscape Architects and  
13 Registered Commercial Interior Designers of Oklahoma based upon the  
14 qualifications of the individual as evidenced by a certificate of  
15 licensure or registration which shall not be transferable.

16 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 46.3, as  
17 amended by Section 3, Chapter 234, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2019,  
18 Section 46.3), is amended to read as follows:

19 Section 46.3 As used in the State Architectural and Registered  
20 Commercial Interior Designers Act:

- 21 1. "Architect" means any person who is licensed in the practice  
22 of architecture in the State of Oklahoma as hereinafter defined;
- 23 2. "Practice of architecture" means rendering or offering to  
24 render certain services, in connection with the design and

1 construction, enlargement or alteration of a building or a group of  
2 buildings and the space surrounding such buildings, including  
3 buildings which have as their principal purpose human occupancy or  
4 habitation. The services referred to include planning, providing  
5 preliminary studies, designs, drawings, specifications,  
6 investigations and other technical submissions, the administration  
7 of construction contracts, and the coordination of any elements of  
8 technical submissions prepared by other consultants including, as  
9 appropriate and without limitation, consulting engineers, ~~and~~  
10 landscape architects and registered commercial interior designers;  
11 provided, that the practice of architecture shall include such other  
12 professional services as may be necessary for the rendering of or  
13 offering to render architectural services;

14 3. "Registration" or "license" means a certificate of  
15 registration or license issued by the Board. The definition of  
16 "license" shall apply to those persons licensed under a practice  
17 act. The definition of "registration" shall apply to those persons  
18 registered under the title registered commercial interior designer  
19 under this act;

20 4. "Building" means a structure consisting of a foundation,  
21 walls, all floors and roof, with or without other parts;

22 5. "Board" means the Board of Governors of the Licensed  
23 Architects, Landscape Architects and Registered Commercial Interior  
24 Designers of Oklahoma;

1       6. "Certificate of authority" means the authorization granted  
2 by the Board for persons to practice or offer to practice  
3 architecture, or landscape architecture, through a partnership,  
4 firm, association, corporation, limited liability company or limited  
5 liability partnership;

6       7. "Certificate of title" means the authorization granted by  
7 the Board for a partnership, firm, association, corporation, limited  
8 liability company or limited liability partnership to use the title  
9 registered commercial interior designer or any modification or  
10 derivation of ~~these terms~~ such term and to submit interior technical  
11 submissions;

12       8. "Technical submissions" means drawings, plans,  
13 specifications, studies and any other technical reports or documents  
14 which are issued in the course of practicing architecture or  
15 landscape architecture with the intent that they be considered as  
16 formal or final documents but shall not include record drawings.  
17 Prototypical plans are not technical submissions;

18       9. "Responsible control" means the amount of direct control and  
19 personal supervision of architectural, landscape architectural or  
20 registered commercial interior designer's work and detailed  
21 knowledge of the content of tactical and technical submissions  
22 during their preparation as is ordinarily exercised by licensed  
23 architects ~~or~~, landscape architects or registered commercial  
24 interior designers applying the required professional standard of

1 care. The terms direct control and personal supervision, whether  
2 used separately or together, mean active and personal management of  
3 the firm's personnel and practice to maintain charge of, and  
4 concurrent direction over, architecture, landscape architecture or  
5 the work of a registered commercial interior designer's decisions  
6 and the instruments of professional services to which the licensee  
7 or registrant affixes the seal, signature, and date;

8 10. "Landscape architect" means a person licensed to practice  
9 landscape architecture as provided in the State Architectural and  
10 Registered Commercial Interior Designers Act;

11 11. "Landscape architecture" means the performance of  
12 professional services defined as teaching, consultations,  
13 investigations, reconnaissance, research, planning, design,  
14 preparation of construction drawings and specifications,  
15 construction observation and the coordination of any elements of  
16 technical submissions prepared by others in connection with the  
17 planning and arranging of land and the elements thereon for public  
18 and private use and enjoyment, including the design and layout of  
19 roadways, service areas, parking areas, walkways, steps, ramps,  
20 pools, parks, parkways, trails and recreational areas, the location  
21 and site of improvements including buildings and other structures,  
22 and the grading of the land, surface and subsoil drainage, erosion  
23 control, planting, reforestation, and the preservation of the  
24 natural landscape, in accordance with accepted professional

1 standards, and to the extent that the dominant purpose of such  
2 services or creative works is the preservation, conservation,  
3 enhancement, or determination of proper land uses, natural land  
4 features, ground cover and plantings, or naturalistic and aesthetic  
5 values.

6 The practice of landscape architecture shall include the  
7 location and arrangement of tangible objects and features as are  
8 incidental and necessary to the purpose outlined for landscape  
9 architecture. The practice of landscape architecture shall not  
10 include the design of structures or facilities with separate and  
11 self-contained purposes for habitation or industry, or the design of  
12 public streets, highways, utilities, storm and sanitary sewers and  
13 sewage treatment facilities, that are statutorily defined as the  
14 practice of engineering or architecture;

15 12. "Code" means the nationally recognized codes adopted by the  
16 Uniform Building Code Commission of the State of Oklahoma;

17 13. "Applicable building official" means the official  
18 responsible for the application of the adopted building code as  
19 implemented by the local, municipal or county jurisdiction in which  
20 a building is located. Where no building code has been adopted by  
21 the local, municipal or county jurisdiction, the applicable building  
22 official shall be defined as the State Fire Marshal;

23 14. "Registered commercial interior designer" means a person  
24 recognized by this state who is registered, qualified by ~~education,~~

1 ~~experience and~~ examination and meeting all the requirements set  
2 forth in the State Architectural and Registered Commercial Interior  
3 Designers Act and the Board's rules;

4 15. "Plans" means technical documents issued by the licensed  
5 and/or registered professionals intended to meet all current and  
6 applicable codes as adopted by the Uniform Building Code Commission  
7 of the State of Oklahoma, other statutory codes and applicable  
8 federal codes and which shall be submitted to all required building  
9 code and/or permit offices required by the State of Oklahoma,  
10 county, municipal and/or federal government; ~~and~~

11 16. "Equivalent standards" means those standards adopted by the  
12 Board intended to be used as alternative equivalents to determine  
13 competency for education, training and testing for licensing  
14 architects and/or landscape architects and registering commercial  
15 interior designers and for complying with the Post-Military Service  
16 Occupation, Education and Credentialing Act for military personnel  
17 and their spouses;

18 17. "Interior technical submissions" means drawings, plans,  
19 specifications, studies and any other technical reports or documents  
20 related to nonstructural interior components which are issued in the  
21 course of practicing registered commercial interior design with the  
22 intent that they be considered as formal or final documents but  
23 shall not include record drawings. Prototypical plans are not  
24 interior technical submissions;



1       18. "Nonstructural interior components" means ceiling and  
2 partition systems that imply normal and typical bracing conventions  
3 that are not part of the structural integrity of the building; and

4       19. "Registered commercial interior design" means the rendering  
5 of or offering to render design, alteration, and construction  
6 services of interior spaces as a part of an interior alteration or  
7 construction project in conformity with public health, safety and  
8 welfare requirements. The services include planning, providing  
9 preliminary studies, designs, drawings, specifications,  
10 investigations and other interior technical submissions, the  
11 administration of construction contracts, and the coordination of  
12 any elements of interior technical submissions prepared by other  
13 consultants. Registered commercial interior design includes the  
14 preparation of documents, including, but not limited to, interior  
15 life safety, Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, space  
16 planning, finish materials, furnishings, fixtures and equipment and  
17 the preparation of documents and interior technical submissions  
18 relating to interior construction that does not substantially affect  
19 the mechanical or structural systems of a building. Practice of  
20 registered commercial interior design shall not include making  
21 changes or additions to any of the following:

22       a. foundations, beams, trusses, columns or other primary  
23 structural framing members or seismic systems,  
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- b. structural concrete slabs, roof framing structures, or load-bearing and shear walls,
- c. openings in roofs, exterior walls, or load-bearing and shear walls,
- d. exterior doors, windows, awnings, canopies, sunshades, signage or similar exterior building elements,
- e. as described in the International Building Code, life-safety equipment such as smoke, fire, or carbon monoxide sensors or detectors, or other overhead building elements, and
- f. heating, ventilating, or air conditioning equipment or distribution systems, building management systems, high- or medium-voltage electrical distribution systems, standby or emergency power systems or distribution systems, plumbing or plumbing distribution systems, fire alarm systems, fire sprinkler systems, security or monitoring systems, or related building systems.

The definitions in the State Architectural and Registered Commercial Interior Designers Act shall have the same meaning when applicable to any rule promulgated pursuant to such act.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 46.4, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 234, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 46.4), is amended to read as follows:

1       Section 46.4 There is hereby re-created, to continue until July  
2 1, ~~2020~~ 2026, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma  
3 Sunset Law, a board to be known as the "Board of Governors of the  
4 Licensed Architects, Landscape Architects and Registered Commercial  
5 Interior Designers of Oklahoma", hereinafter referred to as the  
6 Board. The Board shall be composed of ~~eleven (11)~~ thirteen (13)  
7 members, including seven persons who are duly licensed to practice  
8 architecture and are in good standing in this state, two persons who  
9 are duly licensed to practice landscape architecture and are in good  
10 standing in this state, ~~one person as a~~ two persons who are  
11 registered commercial interior designer designers and is who are  
12 active and in good standing and ~~one two lay member members.~~ The  
13 current interior design members of the Board as of July 1, 2020, who  
14 are duly registered in the State of Oklahoma may continue to serve  
15 on the Board until December 31, 2030. Each member of the Board  
16 shall be a qualified elector of this state, and the architect,  
17 landscape architect and registered commercial interior designer  
18 members shall have had five (5) years' licensing or registration  
19 experience as the professional position requires in this state. Re-  
20 creation of the Board shall not alter existing staggered terms.  
21 Board members, other than the lay ~~member~~ members, shall be appointed  
22 for a period of five (5) years thereafter; provided, that nothing  
23 herein shall affect the tenure of office of anyone who is a member  
24 of the Board on May 31, 1957. A member may be reappointed to

1 succeed such membership. The licensed architect, landscape  
2 architect or the registered commercial interior designer members may  
3 be appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees submitted by  
4 respective professional societies of this state. Membership in a  
5 professional society shall not be a prerequisite to appointment to  
6 the Board. The lay ~~member~~ members of the Board shall be appointed  
7 by the Governor to a term coterminous with that of the Governor.  
8 The lay ~~member~~ members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.  
9 Provided, the lay ~~member~~ members may continue to serve after the  
10 expiration of the term of the ~~member~~ members until such time as a  
11 successor is appointed. Vacancies which may occur in the membership  
12 of the Board shall be filled by appointment by the Governor. Each  
13 person who has been appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the  
14 remainder of the term for which the member the person shall succeed  
15 was appointed and until a successor, in turn, has been appointed and  
16 shall have qualified. Each member of the Board, before entering  
17 upon the discharge of the duties of the member, shall make and file  
18 with the Secretary of State a written oath or affirmation for the  
19 faithful discharge of official duties. Each member of the Board and  
20 staff shall be reimbursed for travel expenses pursuant to the State  
21 Travel Reimbursement Act.

22 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 46.7, as  
23 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 24, O.S.L. 2015 (59 O.S. Supp.  
24 2019, Section 46.7), is amended to read as follows:

1       Section 46.7   In addition to the other powers and duties imposed  
2 by law, the Board shall have the power and duty to:

3       1.   Prescribe such rules and to make such orders, as it may deem  
4 necessary or expedient in the performance of its duties;

5       2.   Prepare, conduct, and grade examinations of persons who  
6 shall apply for the issuance of licenses and registrations to them,  
7 and to promulgate such rules with reference thereto as it may deem  
8 proper as a portion used to determine competency for the issuance of  
9 licenses or registrations;

10      3.   Work with nationally recognized licensing and registration  
11 organizations to prepare, conduct, and grade examinations, written  
12 or oral, of persons who shall apply for the issuance of licenses or  
13 registrations;

14      4.   Determine the satisfactory passing score on examinations and  
15 issue licenses and registrations to persons who shall have passed  
16 examinations, or who shall otherwise be entitled thereto;

17      5.   Determine eligibility for licenses and certificates of  
18 authority and issue them;

19      6.   Determine eligibility for registration as a registered  
20 commercial interior designer and for certificate of title and issue  
21 them;

22      7.   Promulgate rules to govern the issuing of reciprocal  
23 licenses and registrations;

1        8. Upon good cause shown, as hereinafter provided, deny the  
2 issuance of a license, registration, certificate of authority or  
3 certificate of title or suspend, revoke, refuse to renew or issue  
4 probation orders for licenses or registrations, and/or require  
5 additional educational ~~course-work~~ coursework and determine when the  
6 objectives have been met;

7        9. Upon proper showing, reinstate or conditionally reinstate  
8 licenses, registrations, certificates of title or certificates of  
9 authority previously issued;

10       10. Review, affirm, reverse, vacate or modify its order with  
11 respect to any such denial, suspension, revocation, probation and/or  
12 educational ~~course-work~~ coursework requirements or refusal to renew;

13       11. Prescribe rules governing proceedings for the denial of  
14 issuance of a license, registration, certificate of authority or  
15 certificate of title, suspension, revocation or refusal to renew, to  
16 issue probation orders and/or require additional educational ~~course~~  
17 ~~work~~ coursework and determine when the objectives have been met for  
18 cause, and reinstate them;

19       12. Grant a permit certificate of registration to use the title  
20 registered commercial interior designer to a person who is not a  
21 resident of and has no established place of business in this state,  
22 or who has recently become a resident of this state, if the person  
23 holds an unexpired certificate of similar registration issued to the  
24 person by the proper authority in any state or territory or

1 possession of the United States or in any country in which the  
2 requirements for the registration of interior designers are of a  
3 standard not lower than specified in this act;

4 13. Prescribe such penalties, as it may deem proper, to be  
5 assessed against holders of licenses, registrations, certificates of  
6 authority or certificates of title for the failure to pay the  
7 biennial fee hereinafter provided for;

8 ~~13.~~ 14. Levy civil penalties plus the legal costs incurred by  
9 the Board to prosecute the case against any person or entity who  
10 shall violate any of the provisions of the State Architectural and  
11 Registered Commercial Interior Designers Act, or any rule  
12 promulgated pursuant thereto;

13 ~~14.~~ 15. Obtain an office, secure such facilities, and employ,  
14 direct, discharge and define the duties and set the salaries of such  
15 office personnel and set the salaries of such unclassified and  
16 exempt office personnel as deemed necessary by the Board;

17 ~~15.~~ 16. Initiate disciplinary action, prosecute and seek  
18 injunctions against any person or entity who has violated any of the  
19 provisions of the State Architectural and Registered Commercial  
20 Interior Designers Act or any rule of the Board promulgated pursuant  
21 to said act and against the owner/developer of the building type not  
22 exempt;

1       ~~16.~~ 17. Investigate alleged violations of the State  
2 Architectural and Registered Commercial Interior Designers Act or of  
3 the rules, orders or final decisions of the Board;

4       ~~17.~~ 18. Promulgate rules of conduct governing the practice of  
5 licensed architects ~~and~~, landscape architects and registered  
6 commercial interior designers;

7       ~~18.~~ 19. Keep accurate and complete records of proceedings, and  
8 certify the same as may be appropriate;

9       ~~19.~~ 20. Whenever it deems it appropriate, confer with the  
10 Attorney General or the Attorney General's assistants in connection  
11 with all legal matters and questions. The Board may also retain an  
12 attorney who is licensed to practice law in this state. The  
13 attorney shall serve at the pleasure of the Board for such  
14 compensation as may be provided by the Board. The attorney shall  
15 advise the Board and perform legal services for the Board with  
16 respect to any matters properly before the Board. In addition to  
17 the above, the Board may employ hearing examiners to conduct  
18 administrative hearings under the provisions of the Administrative  
19 Procedures Act;

20       ~~20.~~ 21. Prescribe by rules, fees to be charged as required by  
21 this act;

22       ~~21.~~ 22. Adopt rules providing for a program of continuing  
23 education in order to ensure that all licensed architects or  
24 landscape architects and registered commercial interior designers



1 remain informed of those technical and professional subjects that  
2 the Board deems appropriate. The Board may by rule describe the  
3 methods by which the requirements of such program may be satisfied.  
4 Failure to meet such requirements of continuing education shall  
5 result in nonrenewal of the license issued to the architect or  
6 landscape architect or nonrenewal of the registration issued to the  
7 registered commercial interior designer;

8 ~~22.~~ 23. Adopt rules regarding requirements for intern  
9 development as a prerequisite for licensure or registration;

10 ~~23.~~ 24. Give scholarships, as determined by the Board, to an  
11 individual or individuals advancing toward obtaining an accredited  
12 National Architectural Accreditation Board, Landscape Architectural  
13 Accreditation Board or Council for Interior Design Accreditation  
14 degree in one of these three professions in an Oklahoma higher  
15 education institution; and

16 ~~24.~~ 25. Take such other action as may be reasonably necessary  
17 or appropriate to effectuate the State Architectural and Registered  
18 Commercial Interior Designers Act. The Board may, at its  
19 discretion, contract with other state agencies and nonprofit  
20 corporations for the endowment, management, and administration of  
21 scholarships. The requirements of such scholarships shall be  
22 determined by the Board. However, nothing contained herein shall be  
23 construed as requiring the Board to endow or award any scholarship.

1       SECTION 6.       AMENDATORY       59 O.S. 2011, Section 46.9, as  
2 amended by Section 7, Chapter 234, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2019,  
3 Section 46.9), is amended to read as follows:

4       Section 46.9 A. The practice of architecture or landscape  
5 architecture or offering to practice these professions for others by  
6 persons licensed under this act through a partnership, firm,  
7 association, corporation, limited liability company or limited  
8 liability partnership as directors, partners, officers,  
9 shareholders, employees, managers, members or principals is  
10 permitted, subject to the provisions of the State Architectural and  
11 Registered Commercial Interior Designers Act, provided:

12       1. One or more of the directors, partners, officers,  
13 shareholders, managers, members or principals of said partnership,  
14 firm, association, corporation, limited liability company or limited  
15 liability partnership is designated as being responsible for the  
16 entity's activities and decisions of said partnership, firm,  
17 association, corporation, limited liability company or limited  
18 liability partnership;

19       2. Such director, partner, officer, shareholder, manager,  
20 member or principal is duly licensed under the State Architectural  
21 and Registered Commercial Interior Designers Act;

22       3. All personnel of said partnership, firm, association,  
23 corporation, limited liability company or limited liability  
24 partnership which act ~~in~~ on behalf of the entity for these

1 professions in the state are licensed under the State Architectural  
2 and Registered Commercial Interior Designers Act; and

3 4. Said partnership, firm, association, corporation, limited  
4 liability company or limited liability partnership has been issued a  
5 certificate of authority by the Board.

6 B. The Board shall have the power to issue, revoke, deny, or  
7 refuse to renew a certificate of authority for a partnership, firm,  
8 association, corporation, limited liability company or limited  
9 liability partnership as provided for in the State Architectural and  
10 Registered Commercial Interior Designers Act.

11 C. A partnership, firm, association, corporation, limited  
12 liability company or limited liability partnership desiring to  
13 practice architecture or landscape architecture shall file with the  
14 Board an application for a certificate of authority for each office  
15 location performing work on Oklahoma projects on a form approved by  
16 the Board which shall include the names, addresses, state of  
17 licensure and license number of all partners, directors, officers,  
18 members, managers or principals of the partnership, firm,  
19 association, corporation, limited liability company or limited  
20 liability partnership legally responsible for the entity's practice.  
21 The form shall name an individual having the practice of  
22 architecture in such person's charge who is a director, partner,  
23 officer, member, manager or principal. The person shall be duly  
24 licensed as an architect to practice architecture or licensed as a

1 landscape architect to practice landscape architecture in this state  
2 through said partnership, firm, association, corporation, limited  
3 liability company or limited liability partnership legally  
4 responsible for the entity's practice or services offered and other  
5 information required by the Board. In the event there shall be a  
6 change in any of these persons during the term of the certification,  
7 such change shall be filed with the Board within thirty (30) days  
8 after the effective date of said change. If all of the requirements  
9 of this section and the Board's current rules have been met, the  
10 Board shall issue a certificate of authority to such partnership,  
11 firm, association, corporation, limited liability company or limited  
12 liability partnership.

13 D. Any other person licensed pursuant to the State  
14 Architectural and Registered Commercial Interior Designers Act, not  
15 practicing these professions as a partnership, firm, association,  
16 corporation, limited liability company or limited liability  
17 partnership, shall practice as an individual.

18 E. No such partnership, firm, association, corporation, limited  
19 liability company or limited liability partnership shall be relieved  
20 of responsibility for the conduct or acts of its agents, employees,  
21 partners, directors, officers, managers, members or principals by  
22 reason of its compliance with the provisions of this section, or  
23 shall any individual practicing these professions be relieved of  
24 responsibility for professional services performed as an individual

1 by reason of such person's employment or relationship with such  
2 partnership, firm, association, corporation, limited liability  
3 company or limited liability partnership.

4 F. The Secretary of State shall not issue a certificate of  
5 incorporation or register a foreign corporation or any other entity  
6 which includes among the objectives for which it is established any  
7 of the words "Architect", "Architectural", "Architecture",  
8 "Landscape Architect", "Landscape Architecture" or any modification  
9 or derivation of these words, unless the Board has issued for said  
10 applicant either a certificate of authority for an entity, or a  
11 letter indicating eligibility for an exemption pursuant to the State  
12 Architectural and Registered Commercial Interior Designers Act. The  
13 entity applying shall supply such certificate or letter from the  
14 Board with its application for incorporation or registration.

15 G. The Secretary of State shall not register any trade name or  
16 service mark which includes such words, as set forth in subsection F  
17 of this section, or modifications or derivatives thereof in its firm  
18 name or logotype except those entities or individuals holding  
19 certificates of authority issued under the provisions of this  
20 section or letters of eligibility issued by the Board.

21 H. The use of the title "Registered Commercial Interior  
22 Designer" by a partnership, firm, association, corporation, limited  
23 liability company or limited liability partnership is allowed to  
24 those entities listed, provided:

1        1. One or more of the directors, partners, officers,  
2 shareholders, members, managers or principals is registered with the  
3 Board as a registered commercial interior designer and is in good  
4 standing with the Board; and

5        2. The partnership, firm, association, corporation, limited  
6 liability company or limited liability partnership has been issued a  
7 certificate of title by the Board.

8        I. The Board shall have the power to issue, revoke, deny or  
9 refuse to renew a certificate of title for a partnership, firm,  
10 association, corporation, limited liability company or limited  
11 liability partnership as provided for in the State Architectural and  
12 Registered Commercial Interior Designers Act.

13        J. A partnership, firm, association, corporation, limited  
14 liability company or limited liability partnership shall file with  
15 the Board an application for a certificate of title on a form  
16 approved by the Board which shall include the names, addresses,  
17 state of registration and registration number of all directors,  
18 partners, officers, shareholders, members, managers, or principals  
19 of the partnership, firm, association, corporation, limited  
20 liability company or limited liability partnership. In the event  
21 there shall be a replacement of any of these persons during the term  
22 of certification, the change shall be filed with the Board within  
23 thirty (30) days after the effective date of the change. If all the  
24 requirements of this section, this act and the current rules of the

1 Board have been met, the Board shall issue a certificate of title to  
2 such partnership, firm, association, corporation, limited liability  
3 company or limited liability partnership.

4 K. The Secretary of State shall not issue a certificate of  
5 incorporation or register a foreign corporation or any other entity  
6 which includes among the objectives for which it is established any  
7 of the words "Registered Commercial Interior Designer" or any  
8 modification or derivation of these words, unless the Board has  
9 issued for the applicant either a certificate of title for an  
10 entity, or a letter indicating the eligibility for an exemption  
11 pursuant to the State Architectural and Registered Commercial  
12 Interior Designers Act. The firm applying shall supply such  
13 certificate of title or letter from the Board with its application  
14 for incorporation or registration.

15 L. The Secretary of State shall not register any trade name or  
16 service mark which includes such words as set forth in subsection K  
17 of this section, or modification or derivatives thereof in its firm  
18 name or logotype except those entities or individuals holding  
19 certificates of title issued under the provisions of this section or  
20 letters of eligibility issued by the Board.

21 M. Upon application for renewal and upon compliance with the  
22 provisions of the State Architectural and Registered Commercial  
23 Interior Designers Act and the rules of the Board, a certificate of  
24 title shall be renewed as provided in this act.

1 N. Upon application for renewal and upon compliance with the  
2 provisions of the State Architectural and Registered Commercial  
3 Interior Designers Act and the rules of the Board, a certificate of  
4 authority shall be renewed as provided in this act.

5 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 46.10, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Section 46.10 Every licensed architect, landscape architect and  
8 registered commercial interior designer shall pay to the Board a fee  
9 as prescribed by the rules of the Board. Upon receipt of the fee  
10 the Board shall issue a renewal of the license or registration,  
11 which shall authorize the person to practice architecture, landscape  
12 architecture or use the title registered commercial interior  
13 designer, as the case may be, in this state. The license of an  
14 architect or landscape architect or the registration of a registered  
15 commercial interior designer which has been canceled by the Board  
16 for nonpayment of dues may be renewed at any time within three (3)  
17 years from the date of the cancellation, upon payment to the Board  
18 of the fees which had accrued at the time of the cancellation and  
19 which would have been paid at the time of reinstatement had not the  
20 license or registration been suspended, together with payment of the  
21 amount of penalties which may have been prescribed by the Board. If  
22 a license or registration remains canceled for a period exceeding  
23 three (3) consecutive years, it shall not be reinstated unless the  
24 licensee or registrant has taken or submitted to a test or a quiz or



1 a Board review or an examination as the circumstances of the  
2 individual case may warrant and as may be prescribed by the Board in  
3 order to determine continued competency of the licensee or  
4 registrant. A partnership, firm, association, corporation, limited  
5 liability company or limited liability partnership shall pay to the  
6 Board the fee prescribed and in the manner provided by the rules of  
7 the Board for the renewal of the certificate of authority or  
8 certificate of title for such partnership, firm, association,  
9 corporation, limited liability company or limited liability  
10 partnership.

11 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 46.12, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Section 46.12 After the expiration of a period of six (6)  
14 months and upon payment to the Board of a fee as prescribed by the  
15 rules of the Board, a person or entity whose license, registration  
16 or certificate of authority has been suspended or revoked for cause,  
17 pursuant to the provisions of the State Architectural and Registered  
18 Commercial Interior Designers Act, may file an application with the  
19 Board for the reinstatement of said license, registration,  
20 certificate of authority or certificate of title. After a showing  
21 has been made by the applicant to the Board that the interests of  
22 the public will not suffer by reason of reinstatement, the Board in  
23 its discretion may order the reinstatement of the license,  
24 registration, certificate of authority or certificate of title upon

1 the payment of a sum equal to the fees which would have accrued had  
2 not the license, registration, certificate of authority or  
3 certificate of title of the applicant been suspended or revoked.

4 SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 46.14, as  
5 last amended by Section 3, Chapter 363, O.S.L. 2019 (59 O.S. Supp.  
6 2019, Section 46.14), is amended to read as follows:

7 Section 46.14 A. The Board of Governors of the Licensed  
8 Architects, Landscape Architects and Registered Commercial Interior  
9 Designers of Oklahoma shall have power to suspend, to revoke or  
10 refuse to renew a license, registration, certificate of authority or  
11 certificate of title issued by it, pursuant to the provisions of the  
12 State Architectural and Registered Commercial Interior Designers  
13 Act, when the holder thereof:

14 1. Has been convicted of a felony crime that substantially  
15 relates to the practice of architecture, landscape architecture or  
16 interior design and poses a reasonable threat to public safety;

17 2. Has been guilty of fraud or misrepresentation;

18 3. Has been guilty of gross incompetence or recklessness in the  
19 practice of architecture relating to the construction of buildings  
20 or structures, or of dishonest practices;

21 4. Has been guilty of gross incompetence or recklessness in the  
22 practice of landscape architecture, or of dishonest practices;

23 5. Presents the license, registration or certification of  
24 another as his or her own;

1       6. Gives false or forged evidence to the Board;

2       7. Conceals information relative to any inquiry, investigation  
3 or violation of this act or rules promulgated under this act; or

4       8. Has been found to be guilty of a violation of a provision of  
5 the State Architectural and Registered Commercial Interior Designers  
6 Act, or the rules of the Board; provided, that a person or entity  
7 complained of shall be afforded the opportunity for a formal hearing  
8 carried out as described under the current Administrative Procedures  
9 Act or settled by the Board with a consent order or final order  
10 approved by the Board.

11       The Board shall keep a record of the evidence in, and a record  
12 of each proceeding for the suspension, revocation of or refusal to  
13 renew a license or certificate of authority and shall make findings  
14 of fact and render a decision therein. If, after a hearing, the  
15 charges shall have been found to have been sustained by the vote of  
16 a majority of the members of the Board it shall immediately enter  
17 its order of suspension, revocation, penalties, probation,  
18 educational ~~course-work~~ coursework and objectives or refusal to  
19 renew, as the case may be.

20       B. As used in this section:

21       1. "Substantially relates" means the nature of criminal conduct  
22 for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on the  
23 fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or  
24 responsibilities necessarily related to the occupation; and

1        2. "Poses a reasonable threat" means the nature of criminal  
2 conduct for which the person was convicted involved an act or threat  
3 of harm against another and has a bearing on the fitness or ability  
4 to serve the public or work with others in the occupation.

5        SECTION 10.        AMENDATORY        59 O.S. 2011, Section 46.17, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7        Section 46.17 Any person or entity convicted of violating any  
8 provision of the State Architectural and Registered Commercial  
9 Interior Designers Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. The  
10 continued violation of any provision of the State Architectural and  
11 Registered Commercial Interior Designers Act during each day shall  
12 be deemed to be a separate offense. Upon conviction thereof the  
13 person or entity shall be punished by imprisonment in the county  
14 jail not to exceed one (1) year, or by a fine of not more than One  
15 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment  
16 for each offense. The Board may request the appropriate district  
17 attorney to prosecute such violation and seek an injunction against  
18 such practice.

19        SECTION 11.        AMENDATORY        59 O.S. 2011, Section 46.18, as  
20 amended by Section 10, Chapter 234, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2019,  
21 Section 46.18), is amended to read as follows:

22        Section 46.18 A. Any person or entity who has been determined  
23 by the Board to have violated any provision of the State  
24 Architectural and Registered Commercial Interior Designers Act or

1 any rule or order issued pursuant to the provisions of the State  
2 Architectural and Registered Commercial Interior Designers Act may  
3 be liable for a civil penalty of not more than One Hundred Dollars  
4 (\$100.00) for each day that said violation continues plus the legal  
5 costs incurred by the Board to prosecute the case. The maximum  
6 civil penalty shall not exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for  
7 any violation plus the legal costs incurred by the Board to  
8 prosecute the case.

9 B. The amount of the penalty shall be assessed by the Board  
10 pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of this section, after  
11 notice and hearing. In determining the amount of the penalty, the  
12 Board shall include but not be limited to consideration of the  
13 nature, circumstances, and gravity of the violation and, with  
14 respect to the person or entity found to have committed the  
15 violation, the degree of culpability, the effect on ability of the  
16 person or entity to continue to do business, and any show of good  
17 faith in attempting to achieve compliance with the provisions of the  
18 State Architectural and Registered Commercial Interior Designers  
19 Act. All monies collected from such civil penalties shall be  
20 deposited with the State Treasurer of Oklahoma and placed in the  
21 Board of ~~Architects~~ Architects' Fund.

22 C. Any license, registration, certificate of authority or  
23 certificate of title holder may elect to surrender the license,  
24 registration, certificate of authority or certificate of title in

1 lieu of said fine but shall be forever barred from obtaining a  
2 reissuance of said license, registration, certificate of authority  
3 or certificate of title.

4 SECTION 12. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 46.19, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Section 46.19 All monies which shall be paid to the Board  
7 pursuant to the provisions of the State Architectural and Registered  
8 Commercial Interior Designers Act shall be deposited with the State  
9 Treasurer of Oklahoma and placed in a separate and distinct fund to  
10 be known as the "Board of Architects' Fund". At the end of each  
11 fiscal year hereafter such unexpended balance remaining in the Board  
12 of Architects' Fund shall be carried over and continued therein.  
13 All sums of money now or hereafter to be or to come into the fund  
14 are hereby appropriated for the purpose of effectuating the purposes  
15 of the State Architectural and Registered Commercial Interior  
16 Designers Act, and to pay all costs and expenses heretofore and  
17 hereafter incurred in connection therewith.

18 SECTION 13. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 46.21, as  
19 amended by Section 12, Chapter 234, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2019,  
20 Section 46.21), is amended to read as follows:

21 Section 46.21 A. The State Architectural and Registered  
22 Commercial Interior Designers Act shall not apply to any persons,  
23 firms, corporations, limited liability companies or limited  
24 liability partnerships that do not hold a license, registration or

1 certification in any jurisdiction for exempted Code Use Groups  
2 defined by the State Architectural and Registered Commercial  
3 Interior Designers Act, providing such persons and/or entities shall  
4 not represent such person or entity to be an architect or other  
5 title of profession or business using a form of the word,  
6 "Architect". This act shall not prevent such persons and/or  
7 entities from advertising or selling their ~~service~~ services.

8 Any architect, landscape architect or registered commercial  
9 interior designer from any jurisdiction that contracts, provides or  
10 holds out to the public that they are able to provide professional  
11 services in Oklahoma is required to hold a license, registration or  
12 certificate of authority or certificate of title as needed from the  
13 Board, even on exempt Code Use Groups, and an architect or landscape  
14 architect or registered commercial interior designer is required to  
15 sign, seal and date all construction documents and technical  
16 submissions.

17 B. Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent the  
18 preparation of technical submissions or the administration of  
19 construction contracts by employees of a person or entity lawfully  
20 engaged in the practice of architecture when such employees are  
21 acting under the responsible control of a licensed architect.

22 C. The following shall govern design competitions in the state:

23 1. Nothing in this act shall prohibit a person or firm from  
24 participating in an architectural design competition involving only

1 architectural programming, planning, schematic design or design  
2 development information provided to a sponsor; and

3 2. The competition winner, prior to seeking the commission for  
4 architectural services on the proposed project, shall apply for  
5 licensing in this state within ten (10) days of notification of  
6 winning the competition and complete the process within thirty (30)  
7 days.

8 SECTION 14. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 46.21b, as  
9 amended by Section 13, Chapter 234, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2019,  
10 Section 46.21b), is amended to read as follows:

11 Section 46.21b A. An architect shall be required to plan,  
12 design and prepare plans and specifications for the following Code  
13 Use Groups except where specifically exempt from the provisions of  
14 the State Architectural and Registered Commercial Interior Designers  
15 Act. All Code Use Groups in this section are defined by the current  
16 International Building Code.

17 B. The construction, addition or alteration of a building of  
18 any size or occupancy in the following Code Use Groups shall be  
19 subject to the provisions of the State Architectural and Registered  
20 Commercial Interior Designers Act:

21 1. Code Use Group I - Institutional;

22 2. Code Use Group R-2 - Residential, limited to dormitories,  
23 fraternities and sororities, and monasteries and convents;

24 3. Code Use Group A-1 - Assembly and theaters;



1       4. Code Use Group A-4 - Assembly, arenas and courts;

2       5. Code Use Group A-5 - Assembly, bleachers and grandstands;

3 and

4       6. Buildings for which the designated Code Use Group changes  
5 are not exempt from the State Architectural and Registered  
6 Commercial Interior Designers Act.

7       C. A registered commercial interior designer may plan, design  
8 and prepare interior design plans and interior technical submissions  
9 for only the interior spaces, excluding structural elements, within  
10 the following Code Use Groups except where specifically exempt from  
11 the provisions of the State Architectural and Registered Commercial  
12 Interior Designers Act. All Code Use Groups in this section are  
13 defined by the current International Building Code.

14       D. The interior construction or interior alteration of a  
15 building of any size or occupancy in the following Code Use Groups  
16 shall be subject to the provisions of the State Architectural and  
17 Registered Commercial Interior Designers Act:

18       1. Code Use Group A, excluding A-5 (A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4);

19       2. Code Use Group B;

20       3. Code Use Group E;

21       4. Code Use Group I (I-1, I-2, I-3, I-4);

22       5. Code Use Group R (R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4);

23       6. Code Use Group S;

24       7. Code Use Group changes between A, B, M and S; and

1       8. All buildings used by municipalities, counties, state  
2 government, public agencies or the federal government if the Code  
3 Use Group is mentioned in this subsection.

4       E. The following shall be exempt from the provisions of the  
5 State Architectural and Registered Commercial Interior Designers  
6 Act; provided that, for the purposes of this subsection, a basement  
7 is not to be counted as a story for the purpose of counting stories  
8 of a building for height regulations:

9       1. The construction, addition or alteration of a building no  
10 more than two stories in height and with a code-defined occupancy of  
11 no more than fifty (50) persons for the Code Use Groups A-2 and A-3  
12 - Assembly and Code Use Group E - Education;

13       2. The construction, addition or alteration of a building no  
14 more than two stories in height and no more than sixty-four  
15 transient lodging units per building for the Code Use Group R1 -  
16 Residential, including, but not limited to, hotels and motels;

17       3. The construction, addition or alteration of a building no  
18 more than two stories in height and with a gross square footage not  
19 exceeding one hundred thousand (100,000) in the Code Use Group B -  
20 Business;

21       4. The construction, addition or alteration of a building no  
22 more than two stories in height and with a gross square footage not  
23 exceeding two hundred thousand (200,000) in the Code Use Group M -  
24 Mercantile; and

1        5. The construction, addition or alteration of a building no  
2 more than two stories in height in the following Code Use Groups or  
3 buildings:

- 4            a. Code Use Group U - Utility,
- 5            b. Code Use Group F - Factory and Industrial,
- 6            c. Code Use Group H - High hazard,
- 7            d. Code Use Group S - Storage,
- 8            e. Code Use Group R2 - Residential, including apartments  
9                containing no more than thirty-two dwelling units or  
10                thirty-two guest units per building,
- 11            f. Code Use Groups R3 and R4 - Residential,
- 12            g. all buildings used by a municipality, county, state,  
13                public trust, public agency or the federal government  
14                with a construction value under One Hundred Fifty-  
15                eight Thousand Dollars (\$158,000.00),
- 16            h. incidental buildings or appurtenances associated with  
17                paragraphs 1 through 5 of this subsection, and
- 18            i. all uninhabitable, privately owned agricultural  
19                buildings.

20        ~~D.~~ F. The addition, renovation or alteration of buildings where  
21 the use was exempt as new construction shall remain exempt if the  
22 Code Use Group does not change.

23        ~~E.~~ G. Upgrades, repairs, replacements and changes made on  
24 projects in Code Use Groups found in this title requiring an

1 architect are exempt from hiring an architect if the upgrades,  
2 repairs, replacements or changes do not affect the existing primary  
3 structural, mechanical, or electrical systems, life-safety systems,  
4 fire codes or exit passageways and/or egress as determined by the  
5 applicable building official having jurisdiction.

6 SECTION 15. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 46.24, as  
7 last amended by Section 4, Chapter 363, O.S.L. 2019 (59 O.S. Supp.  
8 2019, Section 46.24), is amended to read as follows:

9 Section 46.24 A. Except as otherwise provided in the State  
10 Architectural and Registered Commercial Interior Designers Act, no  
11 license shall be issued to any person to practice architecture in  
12 this state unless the person:

13 1. Is twenty-one (21) years of age or over;

14 2. Is the holder of an accredited professional degree in  
15 architecture and shall have had such practical training as this act  
16 and the Board, by rule, shall deem appropriate. In lieu of the  
17 requirement of an accredited professional degree, the Board may  
18 license an applicant who demonstrates in accordance with such  
19 standards and requirements as determined by this act and/or the  
20 Board's rules that the person has such other educational experience  
21 as the Board deems equivalent to an accredited professional degree  
22 in architecture or in any case the Board decides the interest of the  
23 public will be served and the person is determined to be qualified  
24 and competent by equivalent standards for architects and in

1 compliance with this act and rules or in compliance with the Post-  
2 Military Service Occupation, Education and Credentialing Act;

3 3. Has paid to the Board a fee as prescribed by the rules of  
4 the Board plus the actual cost of the examination given by the  
5 Board; and

6 4. Has passed the examinations prescribed by the Board for the  
7 issuance of a license.

8 B. Upon meeting the requirements of subsection A of this  
9 section and payment of an initial fee as may be prescribed by the  
10 rules of the Board, the Board shall issue to the applicant a license  
11 which shall authorize the applicant to engage in the practice of  
12 architecture in this state. The Board has the authority to issue  
13 temporary licenses while qualifying the applicant in compliance with  
14 the Post-Military Service Occupation, Education and Credentialing  
15 Act or with any declared state of emergency.

16 C. The examination for a license to practice architecture in  
17 this state shall be held not less than once each year, shall cover  
18 such subjects as may be prescribed by the Board and shall be graded  
19 on such basis as the Board shall prescribe by rule. The Board may  
20 adopt the examinations, requirements for admission to the  
21 examinations and the grading procedures of the National Council of  
22 Architectural Registration Boards or its successor. Notice of the  
23 time and place for the holding of examinations shall be given in the  
24

1 manner and form prescribed by the Board and may be administered  
2 electronically.

3 D. The license certificate shall be in a form prescribed by the  
4 Board. The certificate shall be signed by the chair and by the  
5 secretary-treasurer of the Board and shall bear the impress of the  
6 seal of the Board. All papers received by the Board relating to an  
7 application for a license, to an examination and to the issuance of  
8 a license shall be electronically retained by the Board and  
9 originals destroyed. If it was incomplete, it shall only be  
10 retained for one (1) year from the date of submission and then  
11 destroyed.

12 E. The following Board records and papers are of a confidential  
13 nature and are not public records: Examination material for  
14 examinations before and after they are given, file records of  
15 examination problem solutions, letters of inquiry and reference  
16 concerning applicants, Board inquiry forms concerning applicants,  
17 and investigation files.

18 SECTION 16. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 46.25, is  
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 46.25 Each licensed architect shall have a seal, the  
21 image of which must contain the name of the architect, the person's  
22 license number and the words, "Licensed Architect, State of  
23 Oklahoma".  
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1 All technical submissions prepared by such architect, or under  
2 the responsible control of the architect, shall be sealed, signed  
3 and dated, which shall mean that the architect was in responsible  
4 control over the content of such technical submissions during their  
5 preparation and has applied the required professional standard of  
6 care. No licensed architect may sign or seal technical submissions  
7 unless they were prepared by or under the responsible control of the  
8 architect~~+~~L except that:

9 1. The person may sign or seal those portions of the technical  
10 submissions that were prepared by or under the responsible control  
11 of persons who are licensed under the State Architectural and  
12 Registered Commercial Interior Designers Act if the architect has  
13 reviewed and adapted in whole or in part such portions and has  
14 either coordinated their preparation or integrated them into the  
15 work; and

16 2. The person may sign or seal those portions of the technical  
17 submissions that are not required to be prepared by or under the  
18 responsible control of an architect if the architect has reviewed  
19 and adapted in whole or in part such submissions and integrated them  
20 into the work. The seal may be a rubber stamp or may be generated  
21 electronically, pursuant to rules adopted by the Board.

22 SECTION 17. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 46.28, as  
23 amended by Section 17, Chapter 234, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2019,  
24 Section 46.28), is amended to read as follows:

1       Section 46.28   The State Architectural and Registered Commercial  
2 Interior Designers Act shall not require the licensing or  
3 registration of practitioners of the following professions and  
4 occupations to practice landscape architecture:

5       1.   A professional civil engineer, ~~as defined in Section 475.2~~  
6 ~~of this title~~, certified to practice the profession in this state  
7 under any act to regulate the practice of that profession. Nothing  
8 contained in the State Architectural and Registered Commercial  
9 Interior Designers Act shall be construed as precluding an architect  
10 or engineer from performing services included within the definition  
11 of "landscape architecture" when incidental, meaning less than ten  
12 percent (10%) of the total project cost, to the performance of his  
13 or her normal practice as an architect or engineer;

14       2.   A landscape contractor building or installing what was  
15 designed by a landscape architect;

16       3.   An agriculturist, horticulturist, forester as defined in  
17 Section 1202 of this title, nursery operator, gardener, landscape  
18 gardener, garden or lawn caretaker and grader or cultivator of land  
19 involved in the selection, placement, planting and maintenance of  
20 plant material;

21       4.   Persons who act under the supervision of a licensed  
22 landscape architect or an employee of a person lawfully engaged in  
23 the practice of landscape architecture and who, in either event,  
24 does not assume responsible charge of design or supervision;



1        5. Regional planners or urban planners, who evaluate and  
2 develop land-use plans to provide for community and municipal  
3 projections of growth patterns based on demographic needs;

4        6. A landscape designer or contractor whose business is  
5 choosing types of plants, planning their location and the design of  
6 landscapes for those projects or whose work is limited to projects  
7 for a single-family residential home. Landscape design or  
8 installation work may also be performed by an owner or occupant on  
9 the single-family residence of the owner or occupant;

10       7. Persons other than landscape architects who prepare details  
11 and shop drawings for use in connection with the execution of their  
12 work; and

13       8. Builders or their superintendents in the supervision of  
14 landscape architectural projects.

15       SECTION 18.        AMENDATORY        59 O.S. 2011, Section 46.31, as  
16 last amended by Section 5, Chapter 363, O.S.L. 2019 (59 O.S. Supp.  
17 2019, Section 46.31), is amended to read as follows:

18       Section 46.31 A. Except as otherwise provided in the State  
19 Architectural and Registered Commercial Interior Designers Act, no  
20 license shall be issued to any person to practice landscape  
21 architecture in this state unless the person:

22       1. Is twenty-one (21) years of age or older;  
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1        2. Holds a degree from an accredited landscape architecture  
2 program and has such practical training as this act and the Board's  
3 rules deem appropriate;

4        3. Has passed the examinations prescribed by the Board  
5 including the Oklahoma Plant Materials Exam; and

6        4. Has paid all applicable fees.

7        B. If the Board determines the interest of the public will be  
8 served and the person is deemed by the Board to be qualified and  
9 competent by equivalent standards as the Board sets by rule or in  
10 compliance with the Post-Military Service Occupation, Education and  
11 Credentialing Act, the application shall be approved by the Board  
12 after the person has fulfilled all requirements of this act and  
13 rules of the Board.

14        C. Examinations may be administered by an electronic method and  
15 shall be held not less than once each year. Notices of the time and  
16 place for the holding of examinations shall be given in the manner  
17 and form as prescribed by the Board. All landscape architects are  
18 required to take and pass the Oklahoma Plant Materials Exam.

19        D. The Board shall establish rules for examination of landscape  
20 architects and may elect to follow the recommendations of the  
21 Council of Landscape ~~Architects~~ Architectural Registration ~~Board~~  
22 Boards (CLARB) or its successor. The examinations shall be designed  
23 to determine the qualifications of the applicant to practice  
24 landscape architecture. The examination shall cover such technical,

1 professional and practical subjects as relate to the practice of the  
2 profession of landscape architecture. The examination shall also  
3 cover the basic arts and sciences and knowledge of material which is  
4 necessary to the proper understanding, application and qualification  
5 for practice of the profession of landscape architecture. The  
6 minimum passing grade in all subjects of the examination shall be as  
7 established by the Board. An applicant receiving a passing grade on  
8 a subject included in the examination will be given credit, subject  
9 to CLARB's provisions and subject to the rules of the Board.  
10 Applicants for readmittance to the examination shall pay the  
11 application fee.

12       Upon passage of the examination, completion of the Board's  
13 requirements as prescribed by this act and rules, and the payment of  
14 all applicable fees prescribed by the rules of the Board, the Board  
15 shall issue to the applicant a license which shall authorize the  
16 person to engage in the practice of landscape architecture in this  
17 state.

18       E. Pursuant to such rules as it may have adopted, the Board  
19 shall have the power to issue licenses without requiring an  
20 examination to persons who have been licensed to practice landscape  
21 architecture in states other than the State of Oklahoma, in a  
22 territory of the United States, in the District of Columbia, or in a  
23 country other than the United States provided that the state,  
24 territory, district or country has a similar reciprocal provision to

1 authorize the issuance of licenses to persons who have been licensed  
2 in this state. If a person who has been licensed in a state other  
3 than the State of Oklahoma, in a territory of the United States, in  
4 the District of Columbia, or in a country other than the United  
5 States complies with this act and rules of the Board, the secretary-  
6 treasurer, in the exercise of his or her discretion, or upon the  
7 order of the Board and upon the receipt of all applicable fees  
8 prescribed by the Board, shall issue to the person a license to  
9 practice landscape architecture in this state.

10 F. The Board has the authority to issue temporary licenses  
11 while qualifying the applicant in compliance with Section 4100 et  
12 seq. of this title or with any declared state of emergency.

13 G. The following shall govern design competitions in the state:

14 1. Nothing in this act shall prohibit a person or firm from  
15 participating in a landscape architectural design competition  
16 involving only programming, planning, schematic design or design  
17 development information provided to a sponsor; and

18 2. The competition winner, prior to seeking the commission for  
19 services on the proposed project, shall apply for licensing in this  
20 state within ten (10) days of notification of winning the  
21 competition and complete the process within thirty (30) days.

22 SECTION 19. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 46.34, as  
23 amended by Section 23, Chapter 234, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2019,  
24 Section 46.34), is amended to read as follows:

1       Section 46.34 A. Each licensed landscape architect shall have  
2 a seal, the image of which shall contain the name of the landscape  
3 architect, the person's license number and the words "Licensed  
4 Landscape Architect, State of Oklahoma". All technical submissions  
5 prepared by such landscape architect, or under the responsible  
6 control of the landscape architect, shall be sealed, signed and  
7 dated, which shall mean that the landscape architect was in  
8 responsible control over the content of such technical submissions  
9 during their preparation and has applied the required professional  
10 standard of care. No licensed landscape architect may sign or seal  
11 technical submissions unless they were prepared by or under the  
12 responsible control of the landscape architect, except that:

13       1. The person may sign or seal those portions of the technical  
14 submissions under the responsible control of persons who are  
15 licensed under the State Architectural and Registered Commercial  
16 Interior Designers Act if the landscape architect has reviewed and  
17 adapted in whole or in part such portions and has either coordinated  
18 their preparation or integrated them into the work; and

19       2. The person may sign or seal those portions of the technical  
20 submissions that are not required to be prepared by or under the  
21 responsible control of a landscape architect if the landscape  
22 architect has reviewed and adapted in whole or in part such  
23 submissions and integrated them into the work. The seal may be a  
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1 rubber stamp or may be generated electronically pursuant to rules  
2 adopted by the Board.

3 B. All drawings, specifications, plans, reports or other papers  
4 or documents involving the practice of landscape architecture, shall  
5 be dated and bear the signature and seal of the landscape architect  
6 or landscape architects who prepared or approved them. It is  
7 permissible to only sign, seal and date documents on the first sheet  
8 of bound sets of drawings, with index of drawings included, title  
9 page of specifications, and other drawings and contract documents in  
10 a manner consistent with this act and rules of the Board.

11 C. The seal, signature and date of the landscape architect may  
12 be applied to tracings to produce legible reproduction of the  
13 drawings or to reprints made from the tracings. This provision,  
14 however, does not in any manner modify the requirements of the other  
15 subsections of this section.

16 D. The license of a landscape architect shall not permit the  
17 practice of architecture, engineering or land surveying, except that  
18 which is incidental, meaning less than ten percent (10%) of the  
19 total cost of the total project, to the practice of landscape  
20 architecture. No landscape architect shall permit his or her seal  
21 to be affixed to any plans, specifications or drawings if such  
22 portions thereof as are involved in the practice of his or her  
23 particular profession were not prepared by or under the landscape  
24 architect's responsible control.

1       SECTION 20.       AMENDATORY       59 O.S. 2011, Section 46.38, as  
2 amended by Section 25, Chapter 234, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2019,  
3 Section 46.38), is amended to read as follows:

4       Section 46.38 A. On July 1, 2007, the effective date of  
5 registration of interior designers began.

6       B. Except as otherwise provided in the State Architectural and  
7 Registered Commercial Interior Designers Act, no registration shall  
8 be issued to any person to represent that the person is a  
9 "registered commercial interior designer" nor shall any person be  
10 allowed to use the term unless the person pays to the Board the  
11 required fees and/or penalties if applicable as established by the  
12 rules of the Board and:

13       1. ~~Holds an accredited professional degree in interior design~~  
14 ~~from an interior design program accredited by the Council for~~  
15 ~~Interior Design Accreditation or its successor, or from an interior~~  
16 ~~design program determined by the Board to be substantially~~  
17 ~~equivalent to an accredited program;~~

18       ~~2.~~ Provides proof of a minimum of two (2) years of full-time  
19 diversified and appropriate experience within established standards  
20 as the Board shall prescribe; and

21       ~~3.~~ 2. Provides to the Board proof of passage of the examination  
22 administered by the Council for Interior Design Qualification or its  
23 successor or an equivalent examination as determined by the Board.

1 C. The Board may waive the requirements of the State  
2 Architectural and Registered Commercial Interior Designers Act for  
3 an individual who holds a current valid registration from another  
4 state, jurisdiction or foreign country where the requirements for  
5 registration are substantially equivalent to those required for  
6 registration in this state and pays the required fees and/or  
7 penalties, if applicable, to the Board.

8 D. This section does not apply to a person licensed to practice  
9 architecture pursuant to the laws of this state.

10 E. Nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize the  
11 Board to regulate or prohibit persons who are rendering interior  
12 design services and are not a registered commercial interior  
13 ~~designer~~ designers under the provisions of this act or to adopt  
14 regulations that would exceed the powers and responsibilities  
15 expressly authorized under this act.

16 F. Certificate of title shall be subject to the following:

17 1. The use of the title "Registered Commercial Interior  
18 Designer" by a partnership, firm, association, corporation, limited  
19 liability company or limited liability partnership is allowed to  
20 those entities listed, provided:

21 a. one or more of the directors, partners, officers,  
22 shareholders, members, managers, or principals is a  
23 registered commercial interior designer and is in good  
24 standing with the Board, and



1           b.    the partnership, firm, association, corporation,  
2                limited liability company or limited liability  
3                partnership has been issued a certificate of title by  
4                the Board;

5           2.   The Board shall have the power to issue, revoke, deny or  
6   refuse to renew a certificate of title for a partnership, firm,  
7   association, corporation, limited liability company or limited  
8   liability partnership as provided for in this act;

9           3.   A partnership, firm, association, corporation, limited  
10   liability company or limited liability partnership shall file with  
11   the Board an application for a certificate of title on a form  
12   approved by the Board which shall include the names, addresses,  
13   state of registration and registration number of all directors,  
14   partners, officers, shareholders, members, managers or principals of  
15   the partnership, firm, association, corporation, limited liability  
16   company or limited liability partnership. In the event there shall  
17   be a change in any of these persons during the term of  
18   certification, the change shall be filed with the Board within  
19   thirty (30) days after the effective date of the change. If all the  
20   requirements of this section and the Board's current rules have been  
21   met, the Board shall issue a certificate of title to the  
22   partnership, firm, association, corporation, limited liability  
23   company or limited liability partnership;

1       4. The Secretary of State shall not issue a certificate of  
2 incorporation or register a foreign corporation or any other entity  
3 which includes among the objectives for which it is established the  
4 words "Registered Commercial Interior Designer" or any modification  
5 or derivation of these words, unless the Board has issued for the  
6 applicant either a certificate of title for an entity, or a letter  
7 indicating the eligibility for an exemption pursuant to the  
8 requirements of this act. The firm applying shall supply the  
9 certificate of title or letter from the Board with its application  
10 for incorporation or registration;

11       5. The Secretary of State shall not register any trade name or  
12 service mark which includes such words as set forth in paragraph 4  
13 of this subsection, or modification or derivatives thereof in its  
14 firm name or logotype except those entities or individuals holding  
15 certificates of title issued under the provisions of this section or  
16 letters of eligibility issued by the Board; and

17       6. Upon application for renewal and upon compliance with the  
18 provisions of this act and the rules of the Board, a certificate of  
19 title shall be renewed as provided by this act.

20       G. No registration for registered interior designers or a  
21 certificate of title for a partnership, firm, association,  
22 corporation, limited liability company or limited liability  
23 partnership, shall be issued or renewed for longer than two (2)  
24 years. A registration or certificate of title may be renewed upon

1 application, compliance with the rules of the Board and payment of  
2 fees prior to or on June 30 of alternate years. The registration  
3 for registered commercial interior designers shall begin July 1,  
4 2007, and shall end June 30, 2009, unless renewed every two (2)  
5 years thereafter. A new registration to replace a lost, destroyed  
6 or mutilated registration shall be issued by the Board upon payment  
7 of a fee established in accordance with the rules of the Board.

8 SECTION 21. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 46.39, as  
9 amended by Section 26, Chapter 234, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2019,  
10 Section 46.39), is amended to read as follows:

11 Section 46.39 Any person who applies to become a registered  
12 commercial interior designer and remits the application and initial  
13 fees after July 1, 2007, shall be registered by the Board of  
14 Governors of the Licensed Architects, Landscape Architects and  
15 Registered Commercial Interior Designers if:

16 ~~1. In lieu of the requirement of an accredited professional~~  
17 ~~degree,~~ an applicant demonstrates, in accordance with this act, or  
18 in compliance with the Post-Military Service Occupation, Education  
19 and Credentialing Act and requirements as the Board adopts by rule,  
20 that the applicant has the interior design education and training  
21 that the Board deems equivalent to an accredited professional degree  
22 in interior design and the applicant has passed the examination of  
23 the Council for Interior Design Qualification or its successor, or  
24 an equivalent examination as determined by the Board; ~~and~~

1       ~~2. In lieu of the requirement of any professional degree, an~~  
2 ~~applicant may provide documented proof of diversified and~~  
3 ~~appropriate experience in the practice of interior design for a~~  
4 ~~period of six (6) years and the applicant has passed the examination~~  
5 ~~of the Council for Interior Design Qualification or its successor,~~  
6 ~~or an equivalent examination as determined by the Board.~~

7       The Board has the authority to issue temporary registrations  
8 while qualifying the applicant in compliance with the Post-Military  
9 Service Occupation, Education and Credentialing Act.

10       SECTION 22.       AMENDATORY       59 O.S. 2011, Section 46.40, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12       Section 46.40   A. ~~The Board of Governors of the Licensed~~  
13 ~~Architects, Landscape Architects and Registered Interior Designers~~  
14 ~~of Oklahoma may waive the educational and examination requirements~~  
15 ~~of the State Architectural and Registered Interior Designers Act for~~  
16 ~~persons with diversified and appropriate experience in the practice~~  
17 ~~of interior design for a period of fifteen (15) years prior to July~~  
18 ~~1, 2007, if the person is not registered under the State~~  
19 ~~Architectural and Registered Interior Designers Act and not exempt~~  
20 ~~from the requirement for registration in order to use the title~~  
21 ~~"Registered Interior Designer".~~

22       B. The State Architectural and Registered Commercial Interior  
23 Designers Act shall not be construed to prohibit or interfere with  
24 the ability of a licensed architect to perform those activities that

1 are associated with his or her practice as provided under the  
2 provisions of the State Architectural and Registered Commercial  
3 Interior Designers Act.

4 SECTION 23. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 46.41, as  
5 amended by Section 27, Chapter 234, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2019,  
6 Section 46.41), is amended to read as follows:

7 Section 46.41 A. It shall be unlawful for any person or entity  
8 to use the title "Registered Commercial Interior Designer" or any  
9 other derivation of these words to indicate that the person or  
10 entity is registered under the provisions of ~~this act~~ the State  
11 Architectural and Registered Commercial Interior Designers Act, if  
12 the person is not registered under this act.

13 B. Any person who holds himself or herself out as a registered  
14 commercial interior designer, advertises, puts out any sign, card or  
15 drawings in this state designating himself or herself as a  
16 "Registered Commercial Interior Designer" or uses some form of the  
17 term in the title of a profession or business without first having  
18 complied with the provisions of the State Architectural and  
19 Registered Commercial Interior Designers Act shall be deemed guilty  
20 of a misdemeanor.

21 C. Nothing herein shall authorize any individual to engage in  
22 the practice of architecture, engineering or any other occupation  
23 regulated under the laws of this state or to prepare, sign or seal  
24 plans with respect to such practice or in connection with any

1 governmental permits unless registered or otherwise permitted to do  
2 so under such laws.

3 SECTION 24. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 46.42 of Title 59, unless there  
5 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 Each registered interior designer shall have a seal, the image  
7 of which must contain the name of the registered interior designer,  
8 the person's registration number and the words, "Registered  
9 Commercial Interior Designer, State of Oklahoma". All interior  
10 technical submissions prepared by such registered interior designer,  
11 or under the responsible control of the registered interior  
12 designer, shall be sealed, signed and dated, which shall mean that  
13 the registered interior designer was in responsible control over the  
14 content of such interior technical submissions during their  
15 preparation and has applied the required professional standard of  
16 care. No registered interior designer may sign or seal interior  
17 technical submissions unless they were prepared by or under the  
18 responsible control of the registered interior designer, except  
19 that:

20 1. The person may sign or seal those portions of the interior  
21 technical submissions that were prepared by or under the responsible  
22 control of persons who are registered under the State Architectural  
23 and Registered Commercial Interior Designers Act if the interior  
24 designer has reviewed and adapted in whole or in part such portions

1 and has either coordinated their preparation or integrated them into  
2 the work; and

3 2. The person may sign or seal those portions of the interior  
4 technical submissions that are not required to be prepared by or  
5 under the responsible control of an interior designer if the  
6 interior designer has reviewed and adapted in whole or in part such  
7 submissions and integrated them into the work. The seal may be a  
8 rubber stamp or may be generated electronically, pursuant to rules  
9 adopted by the Board.

10 SECTION 25. This act shall become effective July 1, 2020.

11 SECTION 26. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
12 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
13 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
14 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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16 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY, dated  
17 02/27/2020 - DO PASS, As Amended.  
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