

CHAPTER 68

PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS

HOUSE BILL 10-1148

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also SENATOR(S) Tapia, Bacon, Tochtrop, White, Williams, Kopp, Penry, Cadman, Whitehead.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF THE REQUIREMENT THAT AN ARCHITECT MAINTAIN CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY IN ORDER TO RENEW A LICENSE TO PRACTICE ARCHITECTURE, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Repeal. 12-25-315.5 (2) and (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, are repealed as follows:

12-25-315.5. Continuing education - rules. (2) ~~(a) Pursuant to sections 12-25-314 (1) and 12-25-315, the board issues a license to practice architecture based on whether the applicant satisfies minimum educational and experience requirements that demonstrate professional competency to practice architecture. After a license is issued to an applicant, the licensee shall maintain continuing professional competency to practice architecture.~~

~~(b) The board shall adopt rules establishing a continuing professional competency program that includes, at a minimum, the following elements:~~

~~(I) Assessment of the knowledge and skills of a licensee seeking to renew a license;~~

~~(II) Development, execution, and documentation of a learning plan based on the assessment; and~~

~~(III) Periodic demonstration of knowledge and skills necessary to ensure a minimal ability to safely practice the profession.~~

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

~~(c) The program may include the continuing education requirements adopted pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, and the board shall repeal the continuing education requirements once the program rules are adopted. After the program is established, an architect shall satisfy the requirements of the program in order to renew a license to practice architecture in Colorado.~~

~~(3) As used in this section, "continuing professional competency" means the ongoing ability of a licensee to learn, integrate, and apply the knowledge, skill, and judgment to practice architecture according to generally accepted industry standards and professional ethical standards in a designated role and setting.~~

SECTION 2. Appropriations in 2010 long bill to be adjusted. For the implementation of this act, appropriations made in the annual general appropriation act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, shall be adjusted as follows:

(1) The appropriation to the department of regulatory agencies, division of registrations, is decreased by eleven thousand three hundred seven dollars (\$11,307) cash funds. Said sum shall be from the division of registrations cash fund created in section 24-34-105 (2) (b) (I), Colorado Revised Statutes.

(2) The appropriation to the department of law is decreased by eleven thousand three hundred seven dollars (\$11,307). Said sum shall be from reappropriated funds received from the department of regulatory agencies out of the appropriation made in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 11, 2010, if adjournment sine die is on May 12, 2010); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2010 and shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: April 5, 2010