
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides requirements for architects performing incidental engineering work.

Present law provides an exception to the rule that engineering work shall be supervised by a licensed engineer, allowing architects to conduct certain engineering work incidental to their architectural work on a given construction or renovation project.

Proposed law limits architects to conducting site work including drainage, grading, sidewalks, pavements, and utilities only to areas within 5 feet of the foundation.

Present law provides that in the event plans submitted to the fire marshal do not satisfactorily comply with laws, regulations, and codes of this state or of the fire marshal, the fire marshal shall furnish a letter to the submitting party listing the requirements which must be met before construction or renovation work can begin. Present law provides that this letter need not be furnished if plans are submitted in violation of present law, R.S. 37:155(A)(4).

Proposed law adds that the fire marshal need not furnish that letter to the submitting party if plans are submitted in violation of proposed law, R.S. 37:701(I)(3).

(Amends R.S. 40:1574.1(C)(1); Adds R.S. 37:701(I)(3))