
DIGEST

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HB No. 362

Abstract: Establishes exemptions to the licensing and registration requirements for architects.

Present law provides that the provisions of present law, except as provided in present law, requiring persons to be registered and licensed and forbidding the practice of architecture by unlicensed persons shall not apply to:

(1) Persons acting as designers for:

Occupancy Classification	Gross Floor Area Sq. Ft.
Storage	6250
Factory--Industrial	5000
Mercantile, Business and Multiple-Family Residential	4000
Education and Institutional	2500
Hazardous	1500
Assembly: of concentrated use	2650
Assembly: of less concentrated use	4000

(ii) Occupancy classifications, gross floor area, and assembly occupancies of concentrated use and less concentrated use are as defined in the Standard Building Code 1985 Edition.

(2) Routine maintenance projects costing not more than \$80,000 on any public building or ground.

Proposed law provides that the provisions of proposed law, except as provided in proposed law, requiring persons to be registered and licensed and forbidding the practice of architecture by unlicensed persons shall not apply to:

(1) Persons acting as designers for:

Occupancy Classifications	Gross Floor Area Sq. Ft.
Storage	6250
Factory and Industrial	5000
Mercantile	4000
Residential	4000
Education	2500
Institutional	2500
High Hazard	1500
Assembly	2650
Business	4000
Utility and Maintenance	5000

(ii) Occupancy classifications and gross floor areas are as defined in the current editions of the codes which comprise the state uniform construction code and which are identified in proposed law.

(2) Routine maintenance projects that do not exceed the contract limit for public bidding as defined in proposed law.

Proposed law provides that the provisions of proposed law are severable.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 37:155(A)(4)(f) and (5))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill.

1. Made technical corrections.
2. Deleted the proposed changes to present law regarding the exemption for persons acting as designers for renovations or alterations of any size building which does not affect the structural integrity, life safety, exclusive of building finishes and furnishings, or which have been preapproved by the state fire marshal for life safety

and does not exceed \$125,000.