



SAFE Interior Design Coalition

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Talking Points for Enrolled Act Senate Bill #0490

Indiana's Registration of Interior Designers Act would create a Title, Registered Interior Designer, that could only be used by those qualified by Education, Experience and Examination.

- **This is a Title Act** – Creates a new “title” that only those qualified can use. All others can continue to practice the profession, but may not use the “title”. Currently 18 other states have Title Acts. *This registration also creates the legal recognition of Interior Design in our state.*
- **Professional Examination**
National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ)
NCIDQ is a two-day exam that tests the body of knowledge called Interior Design.
It includes:
 - Space Planning – the relationship of spaces to one another, adjacencies, minimum requirements of the owner
 - Means of Egress – the pathways to existing building exits
 - ADA – Hallway widths, ramps, signage, lighting
 - Fire Codes – Materials propensity to burn, create toxic fumes, also egress clearly marked
 - Electrical Layout – Location, adjacency and quantity of outlets to meet client and code requirements
 - Plumbing – Occupancy requirements, adjacency to public spaces
 - Furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) layout – Understanding what the client needs to comfortably work within the space. (Systems Furniture, copiers, etc.)

Requirements to sit for NCIDQ:

There are three scenarios set for the exam:

- Degree with no less than 120 semester or 180 quarter credit hours of which 60 semesters or 90 quarter hours in interior design related courses **AND no less than 3,520 hours of work experience*** Work experience must be commenced AFTER completion of the education process.
- Certificate, degree or diploma including no less than 60 semesters or 90 quarter credit hours of interior design related courses **AND no less 5,280 hours of work experience***
- Certificate, degree or diploma including no less than 40 semesters or 60 quarter credit hours in interior design related courses **AND no less than 7,040 hours work experience***

As of January 1, 2008, all applicants will be required to complete work experience under the direct supervision of an NCIDQ Certificate Holder or a REGISTERED/LICENSED interior designer or an ARCHITECT (an individual recognized by a state or provincial Regulatory Agency)

- **Brain Drain is a big concern!**
Since students in Indiana schools graduating from Interior Design programs, cannot sit for the NCIDQ exam unless they work under a NCIDQ professional, registered interior designer or architect, in our state it will make it more difficult for them to work and stay here. Students spend thousands of dollars in the over six (6) schools here in Indiana.
- **Fire Safety Law!**
Terminology of Fire Safety Law must be added to the bill as will be amended on 2nd reading on the floor because as Interior Designers fire codes are constantly utilized in space planning and the specification of materials and furniture to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public!
- **What is the opposition's position?**
In working these past weeks, representatives for architects and engineers have indicated they are in agreement that professional Interior Designers should be registered in our state and do not oppose this bill as passed after first reading through the Pensions and Labor Committee Hearing on 14 February 2007, Authored by Senator Kruse; Co-authored by Senators Mishler & Tallian.

Please vote 'YES' to Veto SB0490!