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**By: Chairman, Economic Matters Committee (Departmental - Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Certified Interior Designers - Certification**

3 FOR the purpose of altering eligibility requirements concerning the education and  
4 experience to qualify for the National Council of Interior Design Qualification  
5 Examination; altering certain reinstatement requirements to allow for reinstatement  
6 of certification at any time provided that the certificate holder completes two  
7 continuing education units in courses that the Board approves; and generally  
8 relating to certification of interior designers.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Business Occupations and Professions  
11 Section 8-302 and 8-309  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Business Occupations and Professions**

17 8-302.

18 (a) To qualify for a certificate, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the  
19 requirements of this section.

20 (b) The applicant shall be of good character and reputation.

21 (c) The applicant shall be at least 18 years old.

22 [(d) The applicant shall:

23 (1) have completed a 4-year course of study in interior design at and be  
24 graduated from a college or school of interior design that:

25 (i) is approved by the Board; and

26 (ii) holds accredited status from the Foundation for Interior Design  
27 Education Research or its equivalent, as determined by the Board; and

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1 (2) have at least 2 years of practical experience in interior design that is  
2 satisfactory to the Board;

3 (3) except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, pass or have passed the  
4 National Council of Interior Design Qualification Examination, or its equivalent, as  
5 determined by the Board; and

6 (4) at the time of certification, meet any other standard or requirement by  
7 the National Council of Interior Design Qualification, the Foundation for Interior Design  
8 Education Research, or an equivalent institution, as determined by the Board.]

9 (D) THE APPLICANT SHALL:

10 (1) FILE AN APPLICATION AND PAY AN APPLICATION FEE IN  
11 ACCORDANCE WITH § 8-303 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

12 (2) HAVE SATISFIED ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS WITH REGARD TO  
13 THE APPROPRIATE EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE TO QUALIFY FOR THE NATIONAL  
14 COUNCIL OF INTERIOR DESIGN QUALIFICATION EXAMINATION, OR ITS  
15 EQUIVALENT, AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD; AND

16 (3) HAVE PASSED THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF INTERIOR DESIGN  
17 QUALIFICATION EXAMINATION, OR ITS EQUIVALENT.

18 8-309.

19 (a) [Within 1 year after expiration, the] THE Board shall reinstate the certificate  
20 of an interior designer who has failed to renew the certificate for any reason if the interior  
21 designer:

22 (1) meets the renewal requirements, including payment of a renewal fee,  
23 under § 8-307 of this subtitle;

24 (2) pays to the Board the reinstatement fee as set by the Board; [and]

25 (3) submits to the Board a reinstatement application on the form that the  
26 Board provides; AND

27 (4) EARNS TWO CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS IN COURSES  
28 APPROVED BY THE BOARD IN A 2-YEAR PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE  
29 REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT.

30 (b) The Board may extend the reinstatement period for an interior designer if the  
31 interior designer shows good cause for the extension.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
33 October 1, 1996.