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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article - Business Occupations and Professions
12 Section 8-302 and 8-309
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Business Occupations and Professions**

18 8-302.

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

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

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

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1 [(d) The applicant shall:

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

4 (i) is approved by the Board; and

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

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

9 (3) except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, pass or havepassed the
10 National Council of Interior Design Qualification Examination, or its equivalent, as
11 determined by the Board; and

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

15 (D) THE APPLICANT SHALL:

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

18 (2) HAVE SATISFIED ~~ELIGIBILITY~~ EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE
19 REQUIREMENTS WITH REGARD TO THE APPROPRIATE EDUCATION AND
20 EXPERIENCE NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF INTERIOR
21 DESIGN QUALIFICATION EXAMINATION, OR ITS EQUIVALENT, AS DETERMINED BY
22 THE BOARD; AND

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

25 8-309.

26 ~~(a)~~ [Within 1 year after expiration, the] THE Board shall reinstate the certificate
27 of an interior designer who has failed to renew the certificate for anyreason if the interior
28 designer:

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

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

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

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

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

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