GRANDFATHERING Straight up and uncomplicated

Summary taken from revised HB807 language

Many people are confused about the Grandfathering language that will be included in the new bill (when it is introduced in the first quarter of next year). There are many rumors and it is our hope to set the record straight. Here is what you can expect to see in the new bill (although reading a bill will be more difficult then how we lay it out here).

Qualifications to practice under the Interior Designer’s Practice Act will require:

1. An application
2. Application fee (as determined by the Regulatory Board, approx. $2-300.00 every two years–based on our numbers)
3. Hold a baccalaureate degree or higher from a Board approved education program, CIDA preferred (but not required)
4. Attained two years of full-time diversified interior design experience or completed the IDEP program.
5. Pass the NCIDQ or Board approved examination. (Please note that this language will not permit the approval of examinations that do not test the full body of knowledge of interior design with a specific emphasis on code regulations)

Grandfathering is stated as the following:

1. If you have at least 10 years of experience practicing interior design you do not need to come from a baccalaureate degree program.
2. If you have at least 10 years of experience practicing interior design then you do not need to take the full NCIDQ examination. The Regulatory Board will accept the passage of the multiple-choice sections of the NCIDQ, Section 1 (Principals and Practices of Interior Design) and Section 2 (Contract Documents and Administration). Past examination records showing the passage of these sections would be acceptable. This route also requires 10 hours of continuing education units (which is already required by both ASID and IIDA professional members).
3. If you are 55 years of age or older and have been practicing for over 15 years you do not need to take the NCIDQ. This route additionally requires 10 hours of continuing education units.

All Grandfathering language will expire four (4) years after the bill has been signed into law. Please note that once an applicant has been “grandfathered” that person will not lose their registration upon renewal after grandfathering expires.

Exemptions to the bill language seem to be the most confused topic. It is also completely butchered by anti-legislation groups who adamantly state that interior design regulation will make “interior designers lose their jobs!” Considering that the claim itself is against the law, please take a look at what we are proposing. It has never been and will never be our intent to take jobs from designers or closely related professions who provide similar services. Our cause is to protect our practice while creating new jobs through regulation. Here is our language; we will let you be the judge. See article continued next page...

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Exemptions Cont…

1. The practice of a profession by an individual, who is licensed, certified or registered by a Commonwealth agency under other laws and who is performing services within the authorized scope of practice.

2. The practice of interior design by an individual employed by the Federal Government while the person is engaged in the performance of such duties under Federal law.

3. The practice of interior design by an individual licensed, registered or certified in another jurisdiction when incidentally called into this Commonwealth to teach a course related to interior design or to consult with a licensee.

4. A student or a graduate of an approved program under this act who is conducting interior design services under the supervision of a person licensed under this act.

5. A person or persons who provide interior decorator services. This includes assistance in selection of surface materials, window treatments, wall coverings, paint, floor coverings, surface-mounted fixtures, and loose furnishings not subject to regulation under applicable jurisdictional codes or restrictions.

6. An individual providing service as part of an emergency response team working in conjunction with disaster relief officials.

7. An individual or business working in the kitchen and bath industry.

8. An owner or employee of a retail establishment providing interior decorator services on the premises of a retail establishment or home in the furtherance of a retail sale.

9. A person engaged in interior decorator services on a property owned or leased by that person.

10. A person engaging in interior decorator services without compensation on property of another person.

11. A person preparing a shop drawing or the performance of construction management services by a person customarily engaged in construction work.

12. A person employed by a commercial dealer who provides layout, specification and sales as it relates to furniture sales.

PURE RED/PURE ZEN It’s back, the Pittsburgh Pure Party! This annual fundraiser jointly sponsored by ASID and IIDA to benefit the Interior Design Legislative Coalition of Pennsylvania has become THE design industry event of the year!

As in previous years a color theme will prevail and this time the color red comes from the location, the hot new club Zen in Station Square. Many new surprise await this years attendees so you are not going to want to miss this! Mark your calendar now! January 29th, 2009 - Zen, in Station Square

Sponsorships and tickets will remain at last years prices and student tickets will be reduced, so there is no excuse for not being a part of this awesome party!

As a special thank you this year, you will be mailed a “Support Interior Design Licensing” decal that you can proudly display on your car or other surface.

FIND YOUR NEW 2009 LEGISLATORS!!! Please learn the facts and talk to those around you, including your legislator about what professional interior designers do and our importance to the public. Please take time to visit www.legis.state.pa.us and find your representatives in both the House and the Senate. If any of your legislators sit on the Professional Licensure Committee, PLEASE contact Mary Ann Mozelewski at mmozelewski@idlcpa.org

CRUISE RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

IDLCPA is conducting a raffle for a 2 person, 3 night Carnival Cruise! CH Briggs has generously donated the cruise to help raise funds for the coalition. The Raffle donation is $10 per ticket or 2 for $15 and all board members have tickets to sell. Please look for IDLCPA board members at all events and get your chance to win! For additional tickets please contact Suzanne Kile at skile@aii.edu. Drawing will be held in April, 2009.