

BACKGROUND

In the United States, state governments have jurisdiction for issuing most professional licenses to individuals. Fields that are regulated and licensed vary among individual states, and licensing standards can differ widely from state to state. ASID supports the efforts of individuals to become recognized as certified, registered or licensed interior designers in order to expand practice opportunities, including the ability to submit, stamp and/or sign non-structural plans or drawings for permitting purposes.

KEY FACTS

ASID only supports legislation that is designed to open new opportunities for residential and commercial interior designers with advanced skills to practice in relevant areas that are currently only available to other licensed design professionals. These designers have the knowledge and ability to produce and submit non-structural plans to building officials for issuing of permits. This form of legislation, which exclusively opens new opportunities, will preserve the current scope of practice for all interior designers who decide that licensure is not the right path for their career. Ideal legislation should

- . Allow interior designers to bid on state and federal interior design contracts.
- . Allow interior designers to seal and sign documents for permitting.
- . Ensure that interior designers will benefit from reciprocity.
- . Provide consumers a venue for the redress of grievances.
- . Reduce consumer costs by eliminating expensive document processing.
- . Establish a requirement that licensed interior designers continually educate themselves on the practice of interior design.

ACTION

ASID supports member efforts, through its national headquarters and local chapters, to develop legislative proposals and to advocate for the passage of legislation that allows interior designers who have demonstrated specific skill levels to sign, stamp and/or submit non-structural design drawings for permitting purposes.

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