

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, section 105A of Chapter 12A of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to prevent the lapsing of authority for interior designers to approve non-structural and design work.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Interior Design Approval Emergency Amendment Act of 2017”.

Sec. 2. Section 105.3.10 of Chapter 12A of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations is amended as follows:

“105.3.10 Design Professional in Responsible Charge. All design for new construction work, alteration, repair, expansion, addition, or modification work involving the practice of professional architecture, as defined by D.C. Official Code § 47-2853.61, shall be prepared only by an architect licensed by the District and work involving the practice of professional engineering, as defined by D.C. Official Code § 47-2853.131, shall be prepared only by an engineer licensed by the District. All drawings, computations, and specifications required for a building permit application for such work shall be prepared by or under the direct supervision of a licensed architect or licensed engineer and shall bear the signature and seal of the architect or the engineer. Plans for non-structural alterations and repairs of a building, including the layout of interior spaces, which do not adversely affect any structural member or any part of the structure having a required fire resistance rating, or the public safety, health or welfare, and which do not involve the practice of engineering as defined by applicable District of Columbia laws, shall be deemed to comply with this section when such plans are prepared, signed and

36 sealed by an interior designer licensed and registered in the District of Columbia in accordance
37 with applicable District of Columbia laws.”

38 Sec. 3. Applicability.

39 This act shall apply beginning on the effective date of Act 21-647, “Professional
40 Engineers Licensure and Regulation Clarification Act of 2015”.

41 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

42 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact
43 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved
44 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

45 Sec. 5. Effective date.

46 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of a veto by
47 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer
48 than 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in
49 section 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87
50 Stat. 788; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).