

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to permit interior designers, licensed and registered to practice in the District, to approve certain non-structural alterations and designs.

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

Sec. 2. (a) Section 3 of Act 21-647, the Professional Engineers Licensure and Regulation Clarification Act of 2015, passed by the Council late in 2016 and signed by the Mayor in January, 2017, sought to revise ambiguous language in the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to ensure that architects and engineers approve only work that they are licensed to prepare and which they in fact prepared.

(b) The revised provision for approval by architects and engineers left out language at the end of the existing provision relating to interior designers.

(c) Act 21-647 is currently under congressional review, and the practice of interior design will be significantly disrupted without action to replace the deleted language, a result which was not intended by the original legislation.

(d) This emergency act restores the deleted provisions, thereby permitting interior designers to continue their practice with respect to non-structural alterations and designs.

(e) In order to prevent the lapse in the approval authority of properly licensed and registered interior designers, this legislation must be passed immediately.

35 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia finds that the circumstances enumerated
36 in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Interior Design
37 Approval Emergency Act of 2017 be adopted after a single reading.

38 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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