

Qualifications & Competency

The Case Against HB 590 – Interior Designer Practice Act

Certified Interior Designers do not have the education, experience and testing to provide the broad HSW services granted in HB 590.

Certified Interior Designers

Licensed Architects

- **Have no training** in coordinating architecture & engineering construction documents.
- Allows for full interior building construction document coordination in **ALL** building classifications.
- Can pass ID exam when failing all questions on document coordination.

Building Component Coordination:

- Are charged with, educated in, trained for and tested in building construction document coordination.

- **None**
- No licensing board authority over licensees.
- DOI must accept a national certification.
- No expertise within DOI for creating and administering ID profession.
- Of the states with permitting authority, all place ID oversight under a licensing board.

Oversight:

- North Carolina **Licensing Board**
- North Carolina officials have authority over all licensed architects.

- Minimum **2 Year** Associates Degree
- (40 hours)

Education Requirement:

- Minimum **5 Year** Accredited Degree
- (158 hours)

- 2 tests
- 300 questions
- 7 hours total

Examination Requirement:

- 6 tests
- 605 questions
- 21 hours total

- 3520 Hours
- **Option self reporting with no verification**

Internship Requirement:

- 3740 Hours
- 96 separate structured tasks
- **Must be verified** by licensed design professional

- 9% of questions are code related
- Primarily residential & light commercial content
- **Not required** to pass the exam

Testing for Code Related Issues:

- At least 22%
- **Required** to pass the exam

- **None Required**

Education in Health Safety Welfare:

- Must graduate **from accredited university** that offers students ability to design sites, facilities and systems that are responsive to relevant codes and regulations, and that include the principles of life safety and accessibility standards.

- **No requirement** in HB 590

\$\$ Kickback Disclosure Requirement to Clients

- **Required** under Architects Practice Act

- Allows majority ownership of architectural partnerships.
- Sets **a precedent** that would spread to **all professional licensed partnerships**, eg. attorneys, doctors, accountants, veterinarians....

Partnerships:

- Requires all partners to be licensed architects.