

House Bill 231

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 43-4-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 practice of architecture, qualifications and registration, exempt structures and persons,  
3 design-build contracts, predesign services, and construction contract administration services,  
4 so as to clarify the types of construction projects within planned or existing structures for  
5 which documents may be prepared, certified, and submitted for building permits by a  
6 Georgia registered interior designer; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws;  
7 and for other purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Code Section 43-4-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the practice of  
11 architecture, qualifications and registration, exempt structures and persons, design-build  
12 contracts, predesign services, and construction contract administration services, is amended  
13 by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (b) as follows:

14 "(5) Nonload-bearing interior construction in existing or planned ~~office~~ structures which  
15 were designed by a registered architect, where drawings and specifications are prepared  
16 by a Georgia registered interior designer who also submits to the responsible building  
17 official a notarized and signed statement on letterhead from a person in a position of  
18 authority within the interior design firm certifying that the plans and specifications as  
19 submitted are in full compliance with the current building codes and regulations in  
20 effect."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or by its becoming law  
23 without such approval.

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**SECTION 3.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.