

Senate Bill 488

By: Senators Anderson of the 24th, Stone of the 23rd, Jones of the 25th and Miller of the 49th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 regulation of fire and other hazards to persons and property generally, so as to provide for  
3 the seal and Georgia registration number of registered interior designers on certain plans and  
4 specifications submitted to the Safety Fire Commissioner for certain proposed buildings and  
5 bulk storage facilities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 2 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of fire  
10 and other hazards to persons and property generally, is amended by revising paragraph (1)  
11 of subsection (a) of Code Section 25-2-14, relating to buildings presenting special hazards  
12 to persons or property – requirement and issuance of building permits and certificates of  
13 occupancy, fees, and employment of private professional providers to perform building plan  
14 reviews, as follows:

15 "(a)(1) Plans and specifications for all proposed buildings which come under  
16 classification in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 25-2-13 and which come  
17 under the jurisdiction of the office of the Commissioner pursuant to Code Section  
18 25-2-12 shall be submitted to and receive approval by either the state fire marshal, the  
19 proper local fire marshal, or the state inspector before any state, municipal, or county  
20 building permit may be issued or construction started. All such plans and specifications  
21 submitted as required by this subsection shall be accompanied by a fee in the amount  
22 provided in Code Section 25-2-4.1 and shall bear the seal and Georgia registration  
23 number of the drafting architect or engineer or of the registered interior designer, as  
24 applicable, or shall otherwise have the approval of the Commissioner."

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (e) of Code Section 25-2-16, relating  
27 to regulation of the storage, transportation, and handling of hazardous materials, use of  
28 hold-open latches at self-service gasoline stations, and plans for bulk storage facilities, as  
29 follows:

30 "(e) Plans and specifications for all proposed bulk storage facilities which come under  
31 classification in subsection (a) of this Code section shall be submitted to and receive  
32 approval by the state fire marshal and the proper local fire marshal before construction is  
33 started. All such plans and specifications submitted as required by this subsection shall be  
34 accompanied by a \$100.00 fee for screening and shall bear the seal and Georgia registration  
35 number of the drafting architect or engineer or of the registered interior designer, as  
36 applicable, or shall otherwise have the approval of the Commissioner."

37 **SECTION 3.**

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