



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 1300**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL INTERIOR DECORATORS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) For purposes of sections 2 to  
2 8, inclusive, of this act, "residential interior decorator" means a person  
3 who provides decorator services for single family private dwellings.

4 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) No person shall use the title  
5 "residential interior decorator" or display or use any words, letters,  
6 figures, title, advertisement or other device to indicate that he or she is  
7 a registered residential interior decorator, unless he or she has  
8 obtained a certificate of registration pursuant to section 5 of this act.

9 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) A person seeking a certificate  
10 of registration as a residential interior decorator shall apply to the  
11 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in writing, on a form provided  
12 by the commissioner. Such application shall include the applicant's  
13 name, residence address, business address and such other information  
14 as the commissioner may by regulation require.

15 (b) Each application for a certificate of registration pursuant to  
16 subsection (a) of this section shall be accompanied by a fee of one  
17 hundred fifty dollars.

18 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) Except as provided in

19 subsection (b) of this section, no person shall be issued a certificate of  
20 registration as a residential interior decorator unless such person  
21 submits satisfactory proof that such person has passed: (1) The  
22 uniform national examination established by the Council for  
23 Qualification of Residential Interior Designers, or (2) any other  
24 examination with standards or requirements equal to or greater than  
25 those established by said council, as determined by the Commissioner  
26 of Consumer Protection.

27 (b) The commissioner may issue a certificate of registration as a  
28 residential interior decorator, without examination, to any person who  
29 is currently registered or licensed in another state having registration  
30 or licensing standards or requirements equal to or greater than the  
31 standards or requirements established in sections 3 to 5, inclusive, of  
32 this act.

33 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) Upon receipt of a completed  
34 application, satisfactory proof and fee pursuant to sections 3 and 4 of  
35 this act, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall: (1) Issue and  
36 deliver to the applicant a certificate of registration as a residential  
37 interior decorator; or (2) refuse to issue such certificate. The  
38 commissioner may suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or renew any  
39 such certificate for any of the reasons stated in section 8 of this act.

40 (b) Upon refusal to issue a certificate, the commissioner shall notify  
41 the applicant of the denial and of the applicant's right to request a  
42 hearing not later than ten days after the date of receipt of the notice of  
43 denial.

44 (c) If the applicant requests a hearing within such ten days, the  
45 commissioner shall give notice of the grounds for the commissioner's  
46 refusal and shall conduct a hearing concerning such refusal in  
47 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes,  
48 concerning contested cases.

49 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) A certificate of registration as a  
50 residential interior decorator shall be evidence that the person named

51 in the certificate is entitled to the rights and privileges of a registered  
52 residential interior decorator while such certificate remains in effect.  
53 The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall keep a roster of the  
54 names and addresses of all registered residential interior decorators.  
55 Annually during the month of September, the commissioner shall  
56 place such roster on file with the Secretary of the State and with the  
57 building department and library of each town. The commissioner shall  
58 maintain an index and record of each certificate of registration. A  
59 certificate shall remain in effect until revoked or suspended as  
60 provided in section 8 of this act.

61       Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) A registered residential  
62 interior decorator shall exhibit his or her certificate of registration upon  
63 request by any interested party.

64       (b) No person shall: (1) Present or attempt to present, as his or her  
65 own, the certificate of another, (2) knowingly give false evidence of a  
66 material nature to the Commissioner of Consumer Protection for the  
67 purpose of procuring a certificate, (3) use or attempt to use a certificate  
68 which has expired or which has been suspended or revoked, (4)  
69 represent himself or herself falsely as, or impersonate, a registered  
70 residential interior decorator, or (5) include his or her certificate  
71 number as a part of any advertisement or represent in any manner that  
72 his or her certificate of registration constitutes an endorsement of the  
73 quality of his or her workmanship or of his or her competency by the  
74 commissioner.

75       (c) Certificates of registration issued to a residential interior  
76 decorator shall not be transferable or assignable.

77       (d) All certificates of registration issued under the provisions of  
78 section 5 of this act shall expire annually.

79       (e) The fee for renewal of a certificate of registration as a residential  
80 interior decorator shall be one hundred dollars.

81       Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) The commissioner may

82 revoke or suspend any certificate of registration as a residential  
83 interior decorator for: (1) Conduct of a character likely to mislead,  
84 deceive or defraud the public or the commissioner; or (2) gross  
85 incompetence.

86 (b) The commissioner shall not revoke or suspend any certificate of  
87 registration as a residential interior decorator except upon notice and  
88 hearing in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

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