



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

Notice of Decision to Take Action
on Proposed Regulation

Re: Regulations concerning Electronic Seals in the Practice of Architecture

The Department of Consumer Protection held a public hearing on Friday, August 29, 2014 to solicit public input regarding proposed new administrative regulations concerning Electronic Seals in the Practice of Architecture. Said public hearing had been properly noticed through the Secretary of State on July 30, 2014. At the hearing, an additional week of time was provided for interested parties to provide written comments for consideration, through Friday, September 5, 2014.

The purpose of these regulations is to permit the use of an electronic seal by architects. Existing regulations were adopted at a time when seals were placed only on hardcopy documents by stamping or embossing. With the development of electronic documents, there is now a need for regulations permitting an electronic seal. Standards for the security and integrity of electronically sealed documents are set forth in these regulations.

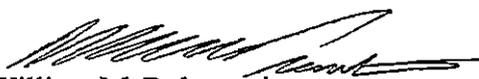
At the public hearing, Richard Hurlburt, the Director of the Department of Consumer Protection's Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, provided oral and written comments (entered into the record as Exhibit "E") supporting the adoption of the proposed regulations.

Additional oral comments in support of the proposed regulations were provided by S. Edward Jeter, the Chairman of the Architecture Licensing Board, David Barkin and Pauline Salmon Morales, members of the Architecture Licensing Board, and Bruce Spiewak, representing the Connecticut Chapter of the American Institute of Architects ("AIA"). No person present spoke in opposition.

No changes were suggested as a result of the public hearing and comment period. After a thorough review of the text, no changes or edits will be made as follows: the final copy of the regulation will remain the same as the original version noticed by the Secretary of State.

A copy of the final version of these regulations is attached hereto. The process leading to approval of this proposed regulation by the Regulation Review Committee of the General Assembly will continue. Thank you for your interest in this proposed regulation and the work of the Department of Consumer Protection.

Very truly yours,


William M. Rubenstein
Commissioner

Dated:  10/14/14

Attachment: Regulations (final copy).