

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 116th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1993

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No. 1065

S.P. 351

In Senate, March 29, 1993

**An Act to Clarify the Laws Regarding Interior Design Services.**

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Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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4       Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §226, sub-§1, ¶¶G and H, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 396, §21, are amended to read:

6       G. The preparation of details and shop drawings,  
8       job-specific interpretations of technical submissions by  
10       architects, by persons other than architects, for use in  
12       connection with the execution of their work; and

14       H. Employees of those practicing lawfully as architects  
16       under this chapter from acting under the instructions,  
18       control or supervision of their employers; and

20       Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §226, sub-§1, ¶I is enacted to read:

22       I. Interior designers offering to perform or performing  
24       interior design services that include, but are not limited  
26       to, the preparation of working drawings, plans and  
28       specifications relative to nonload bearing interior  
30       construction, space planning, furnishings, fixtures and  
32       equipment.

34       Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §226, sub-§2, ¶C, as amended by PL 1991, c.  
36       874, §3, is further amended to read:

38       C. Alterations, renovations or remodeling of a building  
40       when the cost of the work contemplated by the design does  
42       not exceed 15% of the assessed value of the building or  
44       \$50,000, whichever is the lesser, or does not when the work  
46       is nonstructural in scope even though it may require the  
issuance of a permit under applicable building codes or,  
when the work involves those structures as provided in  
paragraphs A, B, F, G and H or when the work involves  
services provided by interior designers as described in  
subsection 1, paragraph I; and

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

Current law regulates interior designers under the same laws  
regulating architects and landscape architects. This bill  
provides a specific exemption from those laws for interior  
designers who are designers that perform interior design services  
that include the preparation of working drawings, plans and  
specifications relative to nonload bearing interior construction,  
space planning and the like.