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HOUSE BILL 10-1148

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF THE REQUIREMENT THAT AN**
102 **ARCHITECT MAINTAIN CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL**
103 **COMPETENCY IN ORDER TO RENEW A LICENSE TO PRACTICE**
104 **ARCHITECTURE, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill repeals the continuing professional competency requirement for an architect to maintain his or her license to practice

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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architecture in the state.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Repeal.** 12-25-315.5 (2) and (3), Colorado Revised
3 Statutes, are repealed as follows:

4 **12-25-315.5. Continuing education - rules.** (2) ~~(a) Pursuant to~~
5 ~~sections 12-25-314 (1) and 12-25-315, the board issues a license to~~
6 ~~practice architecture based on whether the applicant satisfies minimum~~
7 ~~educational and experience requirements that demonstrate professional~~
8 ~~competency to practice architecture. After a license is issued to an~~
9 ~~applicant, the licensee shall maintain continuing professional competency~~
10 ~~to practice architecture.~~

11 ~~(b) The board shall adopt rules establishing a continuing~~
12 ~~professional competency program that includes, at a minimum, the~~
13 ~~following elements:~~

14 ~~(I) Assessment of the knowledge and skills of a licensee seeking~~
15 ~~to renew a license;~~

16 ~~(II) Development, execution, and documentation of a learning~~
17 ~~plan based on the assessment; and~~

18 ~~(III) Periodic demonstration of knowledge and skills necessary to~~
19 ~~ensure a minimal ability to safely practice the profession.~~

20 ~~(c) The program may include the continuing education~~
21 ~~requirements adopted pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, and the~~
22 ~~board shall repeal the continuing education requirements once the~~
23 ~~program rules are adopted. After the program is established, an architect~~
24 ~~shall satisfy the requirements of the program in order to renew a license~~
25 ~~to practice architecture in Colorado.~~

1 (3) ~~As used in this section, "continuing professional competency"~~
2 ~~means the ongoing ability of a licensee to learn, integrate, and apply the~~
3 ~~knowledge, skill, and judgment to practice architecture according to~~
4 ~~generally accepted industry standards and professional ethical standards~~
5 ~~in a designated role and setting.~~

6 **SECTION 2. Appropriations in 2010 long bill to be adjusted.**

7 For the implementation of this act, appropriations made in the annual
8 general appropriation act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, shall
9 be adjusted as follows:

10 (1) The appropriation to the department of regulatory agencies,
11 division of registrations, is decreased by eleven thousand three hundred
12 seven dollars (\$11,307) cash funds. Said sum shall be from the division
13 of registrations cash fund created in section 24-34-105 (2) (b) (I),
14 Colorado Revised Statutes.

15 (2) The appropriation to the department of law is decreased by
16 eleven thousand three hundred seven dollars (\$11,307). Said sum shall
17 be from reappropriated funds received from the department of regulatory
18 agencies out of the appropriation made in subsection (1) of this section.

19 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
20 shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
21 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
22 11, 2010, if adjournment sine die is on May 12, 2010); except that, if a
23 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
24 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
25 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect
26 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

1 November 2010 and shall take effect on the date of the official
2 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.