

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 816

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the State Architectural and
8 Registered Interior Designers Act; amending 59 O.S.
9 2011, Section 46.21b, as amended by Section 13,
10 Chapter 234, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section
11 46.21b), which relates to code use groups requiring
12 an architect; modifying certain code use groups;
13 recognizing definition of code use groups in the
14 Uniform Building Code; and providing an effective
15 date.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 46.21b, as
18 amended by Section 13, Chapter 234, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2014,
19 Section 46.21b), is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 46.21b. A. An architect shall be required to plan,
21 design and prepare plans and specifications for the following Code
22 Use Groups except where specifically exempt from the provisions of
23 the State Architectural and Registered Interior Designers Act. All
24 Code Use Groups in this section are defined by the current
International Building Code.

1 B. All use groups in this section are defined by the codes
2 currently adopted by the Uniform Building Code Commission of the
3 State of Oklahoma. The construction, addition or alteration of a
4 building of any size ~~or~~ with an occupancy ~~in the following Code Use~~
5 ~~Groups~~ greater than fifty (50) or with more than two (2) stories in
6 height as determined in accordance with the codes shall be subject
7 to the provisions of the State Architectural and Registered Interior
8 Designers Act:

- 9 ~~1. Code Use Group I - Institutional;~~
- 10 ~~2. Code Use Group R-2 - Residential, limited to dormitories,~~
11 ~~fraternities and sororities, and monasteries and convents;~~
- 12 ~~3. Code Use Group A-1 - Assembly and theaters;~~
- 13 ~~4. Code Use Group A-4 - Assembly, arenas and courts;~~
- 14 ~~5. Code Use Group A-5 - Assembly, bleachers and grandstands;~~
15 and
- 16 ~~6. Buildings for which the designated Code Use Group changes~~
17 ~~are not exempt from the State Architectural and Registered Interior~~
18 ~~Designers Act.~~

19 C. The following shall be exempt from the provisions of the
20 State Architectural and Registered Interior Designers Act; ~~provided~~
21 ~~that, for the purposes of this subsection, a basement is not to be~~
22 ~~counted as a story for the purpose of counting stories of a building~~
23 ~~for height regulations:~~

1 ~~1. The construction, addition or alteration of a building no~~
2 ~~more than two stories in height and with a code-defined occupancy of~~
3 ~~no more than fifty (50) persons for the Code Use Groups A-2 and A-3~~
4 ~~Assembly and Code Use Group E - Education;~~

5 ~~2. The construction, addition or alteration of a building no~~
6 ~~more than two stories in height and no more than sixty-four~~
7 ~~transient lodging units per building for the Code Use Group R1 -~~
8 ~~Residential, including, but not limited to, hotels and motels;~~

9 ~~3. The construction, addition or alteration of a building no~~
10 ~~more than two stories in height and with a gross square footage not~~
11 ~~exceeding one hundred thousand (100,000) in the Code Use Group B -~~
12 ~~Business;~~

13 ~~4. The construction, addition or alteration of a building no~~
14 ~~more than two stories in height and with a gross square footage not~~
15 ~~exceeding two hundred thousand (200,000) in the Code Use Group M -~~
16 ~~Mercantile; and.~~

17 ~~5. The construction, addition or alteration of a building no~~
18 ~~more than two stories in height in the following Code Use Groups or~~
19 ~~buildings:~~

- 20 a. Code Use Group U - Utility,
- 21 ~~b. Code Use Group F - Factory and Industrial,~~
- 22 ~~c. Code Use Group H - High hazard,~~
- 23 ~~d. Code Use Group S - Storage,~~

1 ~~e. Code Use Group R2 - Residential, including apartments~~
2 ~~containing no more than thirty-two dwelling units or~~
3 ~~thirty-two guest units per building,~~

4 ~~f. Code Use Groups R3 and R4 - Residential,~~

5 ~~g. all buildings used by a municipality, county, state,~~
6 ~~public trust, public agency or the federal government~~
7 ~~with a construction value under One Hundred Fifty-~~
8 ~~eight Thousand Dollars (\$158,000.00),~~

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10 b. incidental buildings or appurtenances associated with
11 ~~paragraphs 1 through 5 of this subsection, and~~
12 paragraph B of Section 46.21b of this title,

13 ~~i.~~

14 c. all uninhabitable, privately owned agricultural
15 buildings, and

16 d. one and two family dwellings and buildings as covered
17 by the codes consisting of three or fewer townhouse
18 units of any size or height.

19 D. The addition, renovation or alteration of buildings where
20 the ~~use~~ original Code Use Group was exempt ~~as new construction~~ shall
21 remain exempt from the State Architectural and Registered Interior
22 Designers Act if the Code Use Group does not change.

23 ~~E. Upgrades, repairs, replacements and changes made on projects~~
24 ~~in Code Use Groups found in this title requiring an architect are~~

1 ~~exempt from hiring an architect if the upgrades, repairs,~~
2 ~~replacements or changes do not affect the existing primary~~
3 ~~structural, mechanical, or electrical systems, life safety systems,~~
4 ~~fire codes or exit passageways and/or egress as determined by the~~
5 ~~applicable building official having jurisdiction.~~

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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