

## Quick Facts about the Proposed Interior Design Practice Act

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Minnesota House File: 991 (2007-2008)

Minnesota Senate File: 799 (2007-2008)

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- ∞ Will enhance the health, safety and welfare of the public by specifying that only “Licensed Interior Designers” (or those supervised by Licensed Interior Designers or Architects) may perform work in **commercial, public** spaces.
- ∞ Will not affect those who practice in private, residential spaces (single family or two-family, even those within a commercial structure, i.e., condominium), in Occupancy B (Business) spaces under 2,250 square feet, or in Occupancy M (Mercantile) spaces under 1,500 square feet. These spaces are exempt from requiring any design professional to design them (per MN Statutes and Rules, where full list of Exempt spaces are listed.)
- ∞ Will not limit the right of the public to obtain the expertise of a kitchen and/or bath professional, nor will it infringe upon the right of NKBA members to practice their profession without penalty.
- ∞ Will not affect those who practice in a retail settings and provide consultation on the purchase of interior finishes, furnishings, or cabinetry.
- ∞ Will not affect those who provide services or assistance in the selection, sale, lease, or supply of surface materials, window treatments, wall coverings, paint, floor coverings, surface-mounted fixtures, or loose furnishings for the interiors of the exempt spaces outlined above.
- ∞ Will not affect the practice of architects who provide interior design services.
- ∞ Will not affect those who choose not to become Licensed Interior Designers, and who practice interior design in commercial, public spaces under the supervision of a Licensed Interior Designer or an architect.
- ∞ Will not restrict the use of titles such as “Interior Designer” or “Designer.”
- ∞ Will allow the use of the title Licensed Interior Designer by only those who are qualified through education, experience, and/or examination, as indicated in the proposed practice act rules.
- ∞ Will allow those who work in residential settings to voluntarily become Licensed Interior Designers, as they meet the qualifications. (Under the current Title Act Statute, those who have exclusively practiced residential design cannot become Certified Interior Designers.)
- ∞ Will include grandfathering provisions, using a combination of education (in 2-year, 3-year, 4-5 year programs) and experience, so that existing qualified practitioners can become Licensed Interior Designers.