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COMMITTEE REPORT

April 14, 2016

**S. 1177**

Introduced by Senator Alexander

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**THE COMMITTEE ON**

**LABOR, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**

To whom was referred a Bill (S. 1177) to amend Section 40‑3‑20, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to definitions concerning the professional licensure of architects, and to amend, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

THOMAS C. ALEXANDER for Committee.

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill would have no expenditure impact on the general fund, federal funds, or other funds.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**State Expenditure**

This bill amends Section 40-3-20(11)(b) relating to definitions concerning professional licensure of architects and Section 40-3-230 relating to training requirements for professional licensure of architects by replacing references to the intern development program with references to the architectural experience program. The bill also amends Section 40-3-240 relating to requirements for taking the architectural registration examination by replacing reference to participation in the intern development program with participation in the architectural experience program or other programs sanctioned by the National Council on Architectural Registration Boards.

The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation reports that this bill would have no expenditure impact on the general fund, federal funds, or other funds.

Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 40‑3‑20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE OF ARCHITECTS, AND TO AMEND SECTION 40‑3‑230, RELATING TO TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE OF ARCHITECTS, BOTH SO AS TO REPLACE REFERENCES TO THE “INTERN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM” WITH REFERENCES TO THE “ARCHITECTURAL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM”; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40‑3‑240, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR TAKING THE ARCHITECTURAL REGISTRATION EXAMINATION, SO AS TO REPLACE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WITH REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING PARTICIPATION IN THE ARCHITECTURAL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM OR CERTAIN PROGRAMS SANCTIONED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ARCHITECTURAL REGISTRATION BOARDS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 40‑3‑20(11)(b) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(b) is currently enrolled in and actively participating in the ~~Intern Development~~ Architectural Experience Program or who has completed the ~~Intern Development~~ Architectural Experience Program; and”

SECTION 2. Section 40‑3‑230(C)(2) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(2) have satisfactorily completed the training requirements established by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) for the ~~Intern Development~~ Architectural Experience Program ~~(IDP)~~ (AXP). Changes in the program subsequently adopted by the board do not affect those persons currently enrolled in a previously adopted ~~(IDP)~~ (AXP) program;”

SECTION 3. Section 40‑3‑240(C) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(C) An applicant must satisfy the requirements of Section 40‑3‑230(C)(1) and must be currently enrolled and actively participating in the ~~Intern Development~~ Architectural Experience Program or be a student actively participating in an NCARB‑accepted Integrated Path to Architectural Licensure (IPAL) option within an NAAB‑accredited professional degree program in architecture in order to be approved by the board to take the Architectural Registration Examination. Once an applicant has been approved to take the examination, any subsequent changes in the education or experience requirements do not affect the applicant’s eligibility to take the examination.”

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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