ARCHITECTURE.

AN ACT relating to the practice of architecture; adding new sections to chapter 18.08 RCW; and repealing sections 1 through 8, chapter 205, Laws of 1919 and RCW 18.08.010 through 18.08.090; and providing penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 18.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:
In order to safeguard life, health and property, and to promote the public welfare, any person in either public or private capacity practicing or offering to practice architecture, shall be required to submit evidence that he is qualified so to practice and shall be registered as hereinafter provided. It shall be unlawful for any person to practice architecture unless registered as provided in this chapter.

SEC. 2. There is added to chapter 18.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:
The terms “architecture” and “practice of architecture” as used in this chapter mean professional service consisting in whole or in part of consultation concerning floor planning, the aesthetic or structural design of private or public buildings, their equipment or utilities and the responsible supervision of construction or the repair or alteration of buildings, by persons or firms offering such service for a fee.

The term “architect” as used in this chapter means any person who is permitted under this chapter to practice architecture.

The term “director” means the director of licenses of the state of Washington.

The term “board” means the state board of registration for architects.
Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 18.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

There is hereby created a state board of registration for architects, to consist of five members who shall be appointed by the governor, each of whom shall have been a resident of this state for at least eight years and shall have at least eight years' experience in the practice of architecture as a licensed or registered architect in responsible charge of architectural work or responsible charge of architectural teaching immediately preceding appointment.

The members of the first board shall serve for the following terms:

One member for one year, one member for two years, one member for three years, one member for four years, one member for five years, from the date of their appointment, or until their successors are duly appointed and qualified. Every member of the board shall receive a certificate of his appointment from the governor and before beginning his term of office shall file with the secretary of state his written oath or affirmation for the faithful discharge of his official duties. On the expiration of the term of each member, the governor shall appoint a successor to serve for a term of five years or until his successor has been appointed and qualified.

The governor may remove any member of the board for cause. Vacancies in the board for any reason shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term.

Members shall receive twenty-five dollars per diem while actually performing board duties or traveling on board business and shall be reimbursed for their necessary travel and other expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this chapter.
Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 18.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The board shall adopt rules for its own organization and procedure, and such other rules as it may deem necessary to the proper performance of its duties. All rules adopted by the board shall be filed with the secretary of state and shall be available for public inspection.

Sec. 5. There is added to chapter 18.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

An applicant for registration as an architect shall have the following minimum qualifications:

He shall be a citizen of the United States or a person who has declared his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States and shall be of good moral character and at least twenty-one years of age.

He must present a specific record of at least eight years of practical experience in the offices of licensed or registered architects or registered professional engineers satisfactory to the board. Graduation from an architectural college approved by the board shall be considered as equivalent to five years of such required experience. Each full year of attendance at an architectural college approved by the board is equivalent to one year of required experience. One year’s full time teaching in a school of architecture or architectural engineering may be considered equivalent to one year of practical experience. Graduation from a five year course in architecture or architectural engineering from a university or college in the state of Washington shall be deemed graduation from an approved architectural college. The board shall approve other architectural colleges which it finds to present a quality and scope of instruction at least equal to the quality and scope of instruction of the aforementioned institutions of the state of Washington.
This section, except for the requirements of age, good moral character and citizenship or intended citizenship, is not applicable to any person who, at the effective date of this act, has graduated from or is enrolled as a fourth or fifth year student in an architectural college approved by the board.

Sec. 6. There is added to chapter 18.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

All applications for examination must be filed with the director of licenses not less than sixty days prior to the date set for the examination. The application fee shall be forty dollars, twenty dollars of which shall accompany the application, the remaining twenty dollars to be paid upon issuance of the certificate. Should the director deny issuance of a certificate of registration to any applicant, the initial fee shall not be refundable. Graduates of an approved architectural college may apply for and take the examination but shall not be granted certificates of registration until their required office experience is completed.

Sec. 7. There is added to chapter 18.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Examination of applicants for certificates of registration shall be held at least annually at such times and places as the director may determine. The board shall determine from the examination and the material submitted with the applications whether or not the applicants possess sufficient knowledge, ability and moral fitness to safely and properly practice architecture and hold themselves out to the public as persons qualified to practice architecture. The scope of the examination and methods of procedure shall be prescribed by the board with special reference to building mechanics, structural design, supervision, materials, specifications and construction; history of architecture in relation to architectural design; planning and de-
sign, practical knowledge of sanitary and electrical installation, heating and ventilating and other similar subjects related to the practice of architecture. Applicants who fail to pass any subjects shall be permitted to retake the examination in the subjects which they shall have failed. A passing grade in any subject will exempt the applicant from examination in that subject for a period of five years. If the entire examination is not successfully completed within five years, a retake of the entire examination shall be required. A certificate of registration shall be granted by the director to all qualified applicants who shall be certified by the board as having passed the required examination and as having given satisfactory proof of completion of the required experience.

Sec. 8. There is added to chapter 18.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

All persons holding licenses as architects under chapter 205 of the Laws of 1919, in good standing at the effective date of this chapter, shall be registered as architects without examination.

Nothing in this act shall be construed to prohibit any person, firm or corporation from lawfully carrying on in this state as part of his or its principal occupation work falling within the definitions contained in this act of the terms “architecture” or “practice of architecture” from continuing such occupation so long as he or it shall not hold himself or itself out to the public as, or represent himself or itself to be, an architect. This section shall be deemed to specifically exclude home designers and contractors not representing themselves to be architects. This specific exclusion shall not affect the rights of others excluded by the general language of this section.

Sec. 9. There is added to chapter 18.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:
The director may, upon payment of the current registration fee, grant a certificate of registration without examination to an applicant who is a registered architect in another state who has had at least the equivalent experience in responsible charge of architectural work or responsible charge of architectural teaching required by section 5 of this act: Provided, That such applicant presents evidence that he has satisfactorily completed a written examination equivalent to the national council of architects registration board examination: And provided further, The state in which the applicant is registered grants reciprocal privileges to architects registered in this state.

SEC. 10. There is added to chapter 18.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Certificates of registration shall expire on the last day of June following their issuance or renewal. The director shall set the yearly fee for renewal which fee shall be not less than ten dollars nor more than twenty dollars. Renewal may be effected during the month of June by payment to the director of the fee set. In case any registrant fails to pay the renewal fee before thirty days after the due date, the renewal fee shall be the current fee plus an amount equal to one year’s fee: Provided, That any registrant in good standing may withdraw from practice by giving written notice to the director, and may thereafter resume practice at any time upon payment of the then current annual renewal fee.

SEC. 11. There is added to chapter 18.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The director may refuse to renew or may revoke a certificate of registration to practice architecture in this state upon the following grounds:
That the holder of the certificate of registration is falsely impersonating a practitioner or former practitioner.

That the holder of a certificate is practicing under a corporate name or under a name implying that the responsibility for the work is assumed by a registered architect who is, in fact, not in responsible charge.

That the holder of the certificate of registration is guilty of fraud or deceit or of gross negligence, gross incompetency or gross misconduct in the practice of architecture.

For the conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude.

That the holder of the certificate of registration permitted his seal to be affixed to any plans, specifications or drawings that were not prepared by him or under his personal supervision by employees subject to his direction and control.

That the holder of the certificate of registration received unbeknown to a party for whom he is doing work, rebates, commissions, grants of money or favors which he is not entitled to or justified in receiving.

That the holder of the certificate is practicing contrary to the provisions of this chapter.

That the holder of the certificate has committed fraud in applying for or obtaining a certificate.

Sec. 12. There is added to chapter 18.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

In all cases where the director shall refuse to renew or shall revoke a certificate of registration the holder shall be entitled to a hearing and shall be given twenty days' notice in writing by the director thereof. The notice shall specify the offenses with which the accused person is charged and shall also give the day and place where the hearing is to be held. The hearing shall be held in the county
The director may issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses, or the production of books or documents. The accused shall have opportunity to make his defense, and may have such subpoenas issued as he desires. Subpoenas shall be served in the same manner as in civil cases in the superior court. Witnesses shall testify under oath which may be administered by the director. Testimony shall be taken in writing, and may be taken by deposition under such rules as the director may prescribe.

The director shall hear and determine the charges, make findings and conclusions upon the evidence produced, file them in his office, and serve upon the accused a copy of such findings and conclusions.

Any order refusing renewal of registration or revoking registration shall be in writing signed by the director, stating the grounds upon which such order is based and the aggrieved person shall have the right to appeal from such order within fifteen days after a copy thereof is served upon him, to the superior court of the county in which the aggrieved person resides, which shall hear the matter de novo.

An appeal shall lie to the supreme court from the judgment of the superior court as provided in other civil cases.

Sec. 13. There is added to chapter 18.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The director may reinstate a certificate of registration to any person whose certificate has been revoked, provided three or more members of the board vote in favor of such reissuance, whenever the board shall find that the circumstances or conditions that brought about the revocation are not likely to recur and that the person is then suffi-
ciently trustworthy and reliable that the best interests of the public will be served by reinstatement of his registration. A new certificate of registration to replace any certificate lost, destroyed, or mutilated may be issued by the director and a charge of one dollar shall be made for such issuance.

SEC. 14. There is added to chapter 18.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The director shall issue a certificate of registration upon payment of the registration fee as provided in this chapter to any applicant who has satisfactorily met all the requirements for registration. All certificates of registration shall show the full name of the registrant, shall have a serial number and shall be signed by the chairman and the secretary of the board and by the director.

The issuance of a certificate of registration by the director shall be prima facie evidence that the person named therein is entitled to all the rights and privileges of a registered architect.

Each registrant shall obtain a seal of the design authorized by the board bearing the registrant’s name and the legend “registered architect.” Drawings prepared by the registrant shall be stamped with said seal when filed with public authorities. It shall be unlawful for anyone to stamp or seal any document with the seal after the certificate of registrant named thereon has expired or been revoked or while the certificate is suspended.

SEC. 15. There is added to chapter 18.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

There is established in the state general fund the architects’ license account, into which all fees paid pursuant to this chapter shall be paid.

SEC. 16. There is added to chapter 18.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:
Nothing contained in this chapter shall be deemed to prevent or affect in any way the practice of engineering or land surveying as defined in chapter 18.43 RCW except that no person shall use the designation "architect," "architectural" or "architecture" unless licensed under the provisions of this chapter; nor to prevent the preparations of working drawings, details and shop drawings by persons other than architects for use in connection with the execution of their work or in connection with proposals to be submitted for securing work or contracts; nor to prevent employees of architects from acting under the instruction, control or supervision of their employers; nor to apply to the supervision by builders or superintendents employed by such builders of the construction or structural alteration of buildings or structures: Provided, however, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to permit any person not licensed as provided in this chapter to use the title "architect," or any title, sign, card or device to indicate that such a person is an architect. This chapter shall not apply to landscape architects or naval architects who do not engage in or profess to engage in the practice of architecture.

Sec. 17. There is added to chapter 18.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

No corporation or stock company shall be entitled to receive a certificate of registration to practice architecture. When an architectural firm maintains or professes to maintain an office or facility within the state for the purpose of practicing architecture, a principal of the firm must be an architect registered pursuant to this chapter and a resident of this state.

Sec. 18. There is added to chapter 18.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:
Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 19. Sections 1 through 8, chapter 205, Laws of 1919 and RCW 18.08.010 through 18.08.090 are each repealed.

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CHAPTER 324.
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BEAUTY CULTURE AND HAIRDRESSING.


Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Section 2, chapter 215, Laws of 1937, as last amended by section 1, chapter 313, Laws of 1955, and RCW 18.18.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the words used in this chapter have the meaning given in this section: