

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 54.1-411 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Board for Architects,*
 3 *Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers, and Landscape Architects;*
 4 *limitation of liability contract clauses.*

5 [H 797]

6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

8 **1. That § 54.1-411 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

9 § 54.1-411. Organization for practice; registration.

10 A. Nothing contained in this chapter or in the regulations of the Board shall prohibit the practice of
 11 architecture, engineering, land surveying, landscape architecture or the offering of the title of certified
 12 interior designer by any corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, limited liability company, or other
 13 entity provided such practice or certification is rendered through its officers, principals or employees
 14 who are correspondingly licensed or certified. ~~No such organization shall limit the liability of any~~
 15 ~~licensee or certificate holder for damages arising from his acts or limit such corporation, partnership,~~
 16 ~~sole proprietorship, limited liability company, or other entity from liability for acts of its employees or~~
 17 ~~agents. No individual practicing architecture, engineering, land surveying, landscape architecture, or~~
 18 ~~offering the title of certified interior designer under the provisions of this section shall be relieved of~~
 19 ~~responsibility that may exist for services performed by reason of his employment or other relationship~~
 20 ~~with such entity. No such corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, limited liability company, or other~~
 21 ~~entity, or any affiliate thereof, shall, on its behalf or on behalf of any such licensee or certificate holder,~~
 22 ~~nor any licensee or certificate holder, be prohibited from (i) purchasing or maintaining insurance against~~
 23 ~~any such liability; (ii) entering into any indemnification agreement with respect to any such liability; or~~
 24 ~~(iii) receiving indemnification as a result of any such liability; or (iv) limiting liability through contract.~~

25 B. Except for professional corporations holding a certificate of authority issued in accordance with
 26 § 13.1-549, professional limited liability companies holding a certificate of authority issued in
 27 accordance with § 13.1-1111, and sole proprietorships that do not employ other individuals for which
 28 licensing is required, any person, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or other entity
 29 offering or rendering the practice of architecture, engineering, land surveying, landscape architecture or
 30 offering the title of certified interior designer shall register with the Board. As a condition of
 31 registration, the entity shall name at least one licensed architect, professional engineer, land surveyor,
 32 landscape architect or certified interior designer for such profession offered or rendered. The person or
 33 persons named shall be responsible and have control of the regulated services rendered by the entity.

34 C. The Board shall adopt regulations governing the registration of persons, corporations, partnerships,
 35 limited liability companies, sole proprietors and other entities as required in subsections A and B which:

- 36 1. Provide for procedural requirements to obtain and renew registration on a periodic basis;
- 37 2. Establish fees for the application and renewal of registration sufficient to cover costs;
- 38 3. Assure that regulated services are rendered and controlled by persons authorized to do so; and
- 39 4. Ensure that conflicts of interests are disclosed.

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