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MCID NEEDS YOUR HELP!

On Feb. 4th Rep. Pat Yaeger and Rep. Jay Wasson (Chairman of House Professional Registration Committee) filed House Bill 1998, ***which would repeal the entire state statutes relating to Interior Designers.*** What are the consequences if this bill passes? Interior Designers would no longer be allowed to register with the state of Missouri and those interior designers that are registered will lose their professional registration status. Also, registered interior designers could no longer use the title "Registered Interior Designer".

What does professional registration do to assist Interior Designers?

IIDA's statement on professional registration....

"Interior Design laws help establish and maintain professional standards that protect the health, safety and welfare of the general public. IIDA firmly believes that legal recognition, achieved through licensing, registration, and certification brings uniformity to the profession, defines responsibility, and encourages excellence in the Interior Design industry."

Professional registration is an integral part of the future of the interior design profession. Interior designers that are registered with the state meet the highest qualifications-education, examination and experience.

Currently there are 27 states that have Interior Design laws enacted and many more fighting for legal recognition in their states. If Missouri interior designers lose this fight against House Bill 1998, we will fall behind while other states are advancing in legal recognition for the profession. See the back of this page for a map of states with interior design laws enacted

What can you do to help MCID fight House Bill 1998?

*Be proud of your profession and what you have accomplished.

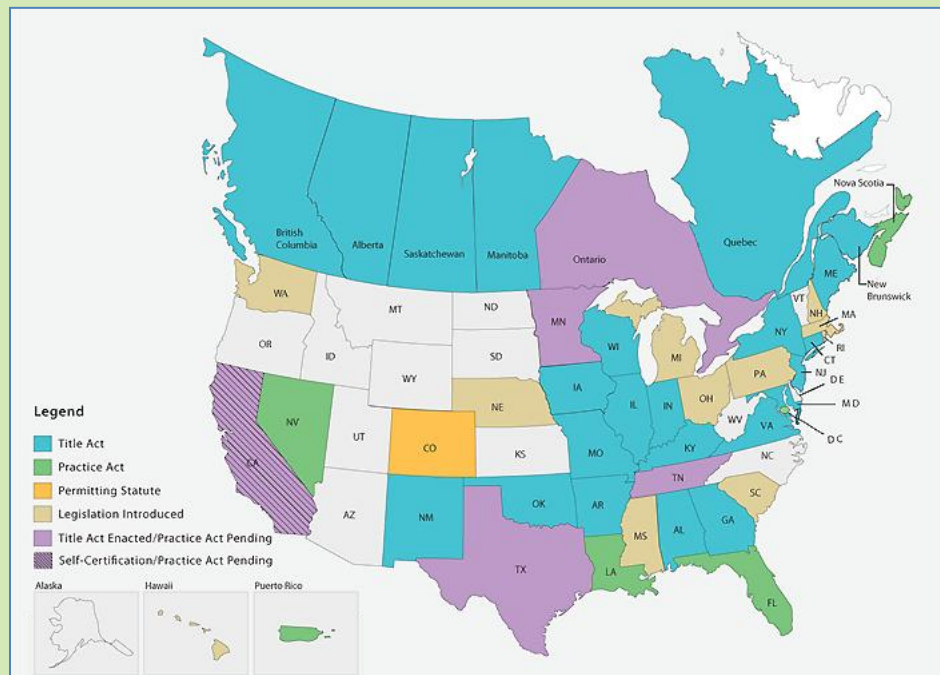
*If you are registered, use the title you have earned, "Registered Interior Designer".

*Write Rep. Pat Yaeger and Rep. Jay Wasson and tell them what your professional registration means to you and explain to them the importance of what interior designers do for the public. We are not "color pickers". The work we do directly impacts the health, safety and welfare of the people of the state of Missouri.

*Encourage other designers to register with the state. Currently, there are only 101 interior designers registered. See the back of this newsletter for instructions on how to register.

****Please join MCID (see enclosed form). Dues are only \$35 and \$10 for students. The coalition is growing rapidly and we will need a large group to fight this bill.***

NORTH AMERICA INTERIOR DESIGN LEGISLATIVE MAP



map courtesy of IIDA

Instructions on how to register with the state:

Requirements are that you must have a total of six years education and experience in interior design, and you must have successfully completed the full NCIDQ exam.

You can visit the interior design professional registration site to download an application (<http://pr.mo.gov/interior.asp>).

The application must include the following:

- Completed Application (SIGNED AND NOTARIZED)
- Application fee of \$75.00 - Made payable to the Missouri Interior Design Council
- Official transcripts from accredited institutions
- Business/Employment Verification Form(s)
- Two (2) Client references in sealed envelopes
- Two (2) Industry references in sealed envelopes
- Authorization and Release Form (SIGNED AND NOTARIZED)

Registration may take a little time but it is an integral part of advancing the profession of interior design in the state of Missouri.

Visit the Division of Professional Registration to download an application: <http://pr.mo.gov/interior.asp>

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