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Chicago, Ill.

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Las Vegas

Moving? New Job?

Download a [change of address form](#), or [email](#) the following information to the board office:

- Full name
- Registration number
- Old address, phone and fax numbers
- New address, phone and fax numbers
- Email address
- Effective date of change
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Special Legislative Edition

The 2009 Nevada Legislature adjourned June 1. Below are summaries of the three board-proposed bills which were signed into law in May. All three laws became effective immediately.

The next issue of *Focus*, due out later this summer, will outline other legislative news of interest to registrants.

Written contracts required for registrants

[SB49](#) requires registrants have written contracts with their clients prior to providing professional services. Basic elements that must be included in the contract are outlined in the new statute. The law allows a registrant to begin providing services, if the client agrees in writing, that services may be provided prior to a contract being executed. The law also provides exemptions from the requirement, including an exemption for circumstances when the client and registrant agree, in writing, that a contract is not required.

Chapter 623 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, an architect, registered interior designer or residential designer shall execute a written contract with a client before providing professional services to the client.*
- 2. A contract created pursuant to subsection 1 must contain, but is not limited to, the following:*
 - (a) A description of the services to be provided to the client by the architect, registered interior designer or residential designer;*
 - (b) A description of the basis for compensation and the method of payment;*
 - (c) The name, address and certificate number of the architect, registered interior designer or residential designer and the name and address of the client;*
 - (d) A description of the procedure that the architect, registered interior designer or residential designer and the client will use to accommodate additional services;*
 - (e) A statement identifying the ownership or reuse of documents prepared by the architect, registered interior designer or residential designer; and*
 - (f) A description of the procedure to be used by either*

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party to terminate the contract.

3. An architect, registered interior designer or residential designer may provide professional services to a client before the execution of a written contract only if the client agrees in writing that a written contract is not needed before work begins.

4. A contract created pursuant to subsection 1 is not required for professional services rendered by an architect, registered interior designer or residential designer:

(a) For which the client will not pay compensation;

(b) When, after full disclosure of the requirements of this section, the client agrees in writing that a contract meeting the requirements of subsection 1 is not required; or

(c) To a person who holds a certificate of registration as a landscape architect pursuant to chapter 623A of NRS or a person who is licensed as a professional engineer pursuant to chapter 625 of NRS.

Emeritus title created for retired registrants

SB90 gives the board the ability to grant an “emeritus” title to retired registrants who meet certain requirements. Emeritus registrants may use the title, but may not provide professional design services.

The reason the new law was proposed was to provide retired registrants, who wish to continue using a professional title, an exemption from the upcoming continuing education requirement. To provide this exemption, the board must amend its regulations, which it plans to do later this year.

Chapter 623 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Board may grant the title of “Architect Emeritus,” “Registered Interior Designer Emeritus” or “Residential Designer Emeritus” to an architect, registered interior designer or residential designer upon his written request if he:

(a) Is registered pursuant to this chapter;

(b) Is in good standing with the Board;

(c) Has been registered pursuant to this chapter for not less than 5 years immediately preceding his written request;

(d) Has been a resident of this State during the time he was registered pursuant to this chapter; and

(e) Is at least 60 years of age.

2. A person whose written request is granted pursuant to this section may use the title so granted by the Board:

(a) Only upon the expiration of his certificate of registration, and only during such time as he is not registered pursuant to this chapter.

(b) Following his name, including, without limitation, on any plaque, sign or letterhead.

3. A person using a title granted by the Board pursuant to this section shall not:

(a) Practice in this State as an architect, registered interior designer or residential designer; or

(b) Indicate that he is authorized to practice in this State as an architect, registered interior designer or residential designer.

4. A person whose certificate of registration has expired and who is using a title granted by the Board pursuant to this section may return to active practice by complying with the provisions for renewal or restoration of an expired certificate of registration pursuant to NRS 623.260.

Housekeeping measure updates statute

SB91 makes various housekeeping changes to current statute.

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