

ASID State Bill Update

New information is highlighted

Alabama

HB 121—An Act to Create a statewide council, the Alabama Building Code Council, to be managed by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, to establish, adopt, amend, and update a statewide building code, and to provide for certain exemptions from the act. Introduced Feb. 5, referred to Commerce Committee. Passed committee Feb. 6. Passed House Feb. 7, referred to Senate Committee on Economic Expansion and Trade. Sponsored by Rep. Michael Hill.

<http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/acas/searchableinstruments/2008RS/Printfiles/HB121-int.pdf>

HB 242—An Act to Adopt the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), and subsequent editions, as a minimum requirement for the design of all new commercial buildings and the renovation and addition to all commercial buildings in the state. Introduced Feb. 5, referred to Commerce Committee. Passed committee Feb. 14. Passed House Feb. 19. Sponsored by Rep. Greg Wren.

<http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/acas/searchableinstruments/2008RS/Printfiles/HB242-eng.pdf>

HB 403—An act to expand the definition of a subcontractor, require that proof of liability insurance be provided before a general contractor's license would be issued and increase the cost of projects that require building permits. Introduced Feb. 12, referred to Committee on Boards and Commissions. Sponsored by Rep. Alan Boothe.

<http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/acas/searchableinstruments/2008RS/Printfiles/HB403-int.pdf>

HB 474—An act to clarify the requirement for using an architect on certain project types, provide for the definition of "Responsible control" over the practice, provide further for grounds and notification of disciplinary actions, remove restrictive firm ownership and naming requirements and provide for civil penalties for violations. Introduced Feb. 19, referred to Committee on Boards and Commissions. Sponsored by Rep. Marcel Black.

<http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/acas/searchableinstruments/2008RS/Printfiles/HB474-int.pdf>

HB 504—An act to delete references to the granting of engineering licenses to graduates in engineering technology or related science curriculums that was phased out December 31, 2005. This bill would add an additional professional engineer and a professional land surveyor to the board. This bill would allow the board to establish rules regarding a nominating committee for board membership.

Introduced Feb. 19, referred to Committee on Boards and Commissions.

Sponsored by Rep. Locy Baker.

<http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/acas/searchableinstruments/2008RS/Printfiles/HB504-int.pdf>

SB 163—Sunset law review for interior design practice law. Introduced Feb. 5, referred to Committee on Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability. Passed committee Feb. 6. Sponsored by Sen. Larry Dixon.

SB 209—An act to allow the board to waive the written fundamental exam requirement for licensure for engineers, engineer interns, land surveyors, and land surveyor interns under certain circumstances. This bill would add an additional professional engineer and a professional land surveyor to the board. This bill would allow the board to establish rules regarding a nominating committee for board membership. Introduced Feb. 5, referred to Committee on Governmental Affairs. Sponsored by Sen. Vivian Figures.

<http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/acas/searchableinstruments/2008RS/Printfiles/SB209-int.pdf>

SB 266—An act to clarify the requirement for using an architect on certain project types, provide for the definition of "Responsible control" over the practice, provide further for grounds and notification of disciplinary actions, remove restrictive firm ownership and naming requirements and provide for civil penalties for violations. Introduced Feb. 6, referred to Committee on Governmental Affairs. Sponsored by Sen. Larry Means.

<http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/acas/searchableinstruments/2008RS/Printfiles/SB266-int.pdf>

SB 309—An Act to Require the Building Commission to adopt the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), and subsequent updates, as a minimum requirement for the design of all new commercial buildings and the renovation and addition to all commercial buildings in the state. Introduced Feb. 7, referred to Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Sponsored by Hinton Mitchem.

<http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/acas/searchableinstruments/2008RS/Printfiles/SB309-int.pdf>

Alaska

SB 263—An act relating to an exemption for persons certified by the National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies who are engaged in the design of fire detection and suppression systems from registration as architects, engineers, land surveyors, or landscape architects. Introduced Feb. 8, referred to Labor and Commerce Committee. Sponsored by Sen. Joe Thomas.

http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get_bill_text.asp?hsid=SB0263A&session=25

Arizona

HB 2030—An act to change the penalties for violation of the contractors' law, changing bond requirements. Introduced Jan. 14, referred to Commerce Committee. Sponsored by Rep. Bill Konopnicki.
<http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/48leg/2r/bills/hb2030h.htm>

HB 2307—Requires that each city and town shall adopt and annually update a building energy code for residential and commercial construction that conforms to the international energy conservation code adopted by the international code council. Introduced Jan. 22, referred to Committees on Government, Rules, Counties, Municipalities and Military Affairs, and Natural Resources and Public Safety. Sponsored by Rep. Kyrsten Sinema.
http://leginfo.public.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/asm/ab_0551-0600/ab_564_bill_20070221_introduced.html

HB 2637—Prohibits municipal taxes on architectural services. Referred to Committees on Rules and Committee on Counties, Municipalities and Military Affairs Feb. 21. Sponsored by Rep. Richard Murphy.
<http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/48leg/2r/bills/hb2637p.htm>

HB 2854—An act to create residential structure construction standards, including structural and nonstructural building, HVAC, wall finishing, and landscaping guidelines. Sponsored by Rep. Richard Murphy.
<http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/48leg/2r/bills/hb2854p.htm>

SB 1345—Allows architects to receive specialist certification. Introduced Feb. 4, referred to Committees on Commerce and Economic Development (CED) and Rules. Sponsored by Sen. Chuck Gray.
<http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/48leg/2r/bills/sb1345p.htm>

SB 1417—Amends the contractor's regulatory statute, increasing fines and defining 'construction contract,' and amending procedural rules for registration. Introduced Feb. 5. Referred to Committees on Commerce and Economic Development (CED) and Rules Feb. 7. Sponsored by Sen. Barbara Leff.
<http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/48leg/2r/bills/sb1417p.htm>

California

AB 564—States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to require the commission to adopt carbon neutral building standards. Introduced Feb. 21, 2007. Referred to Committee on Local Government Dec. 13, 2007. Passed committee Jan. 17, 2008 (5-2). Passed Assembly Jan. 24 (42-32), referred to Senate Rules Committee. Referred to Committee on Local Government Feb. 7. Sponsored by Assemblywoman Julia Brownley.

http://leginfo.public.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/asm/ab_0551-0600/ab_564_bill_20070221_introduced.html

AB 1065—An act to require the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to adopt standards that would reduce the energy consumption per gross square foot of floorspace of a new residential and new nonresidential buildings, from offsite sources, on a specified schedule using the standards adopted in 2003 as the baseline for comparison purposes. Introduced Feb. 23, 2007. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources March 29. Passed committee April 24 (6-3), referred to Appropriations Committee. Passed committee Jan. 24, 2008 (11-5). Passed Assembly Jan. 29 (42-32). Referred to Senate Rules Committee Jan. 30. Referred to Tourism and Housing Committee and Committee on Environmental Quality Feb. 7. Sponsored by Assemblywoman Sally Lieber.

http://leginfo.public.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/asm/ab_1051-1100/ab_1065_bill_20070416_amended_asm_v98.html

AB 2112—An act to require the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to adopt, building design and construction standards, and energy and water conservation standards to require new residential constructions commenced on or after January 1, 2020, and new nonresidential constructions commenced on or after January 1, 2030, to be zero net energy buildings. This bill would define the term "Zero net energy building." Introduced Feb. 20. Sponsored by Assemblywoman Lori Saldana.

http://leginfo.public.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/asm/ab_2101-2150/ab_2112_bill_20080220_introduced.html

AB 2412—Increases penalties for practicing contracting without a license. Introduced Feb. 21. Sponsored by Assemblyman Mike Eng.

http://leginfo.public.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/asm/ab_2401-2450/ab_2412_bill_20080221_introduced.html

SB 2479—Creates penalties for contractors who do not follow energy efficiency requirement standards. Introduced Feb 21. Sponsored by Assembly woman Loni Hancock.

http://leginfo.public.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/asm/ab_2451-2500/ab_2479_bill_20080221_introduced.html

SB 355—Amends the Contractors' State License Law, expanding the definition of a contractor and create new penalties for those practicing without a license. Introduced Feb. 20, referred to Rules Committee. Re-referred to Committee on Business, Professions, and Economic Development April 19. Passed committee April 24, referred to Appropriations committee. Passed Appropriations committee May 8. Passed Senate May 31 (37-1). Referred to House Committee on Business and Professions June 11. Sponsored by Sen. Bob Margett.

http://leginfo.public.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb_0351-0400/sb_355_bill_20070411_amended_sen_v98.html

SB 797— Amends the Contractors' State License Law, expanding the definition of a contractor and create new penalties for those practicing without a license. Introduced Feb. 23, referred to Rules Committee. Re-referred to Committee on Business, Professions, and Economic Development March 8. Passed committee April 17. Passed Senate April 23 (33-6). Referred to House Committee on Business and Professions (B & P) May 17. Passed committee June 13, referred to Appropriations Committee. Passed committee June 27. Placed on inactive file July 19. Removed from inactive file Sept. 6, referred to B & P. Passed committee Sept. 11 (6-2). Placed on inactive file Jan. 24, 2008. Sponsored by Sen. Bob Margett.

http://leginfo.public.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb_0751-0800/sb_797_bill_20070223_introduced.html

SB 1337—An act to allow limited liability companies to apply for and obtain contractors' licenses, authorizing the responsible managing manager, responsible managing officer, or responsible managing employee of the limited liability company to qualify for the license. Introduced Feb. 20, referred to Rules Committee. Sponsored by Sen. Lou Correa.

http://leginfo.public.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb_1301-1350/sb_1337_bill_20080220_introduced.html

SB 1508—An act to require the Department of Housing and Community Development, in consultation with designated entities, to develop guidelines and standards prior to January 1, 2010, for seismic repairs of cripple walls of residential buildings, as defined, and to publish a commentary explaining the guidelines and standards by that date. Bill would also require the Contractors' State License Board to adopt a training and testing program prior to August 1, 2011, for a specialty license classification for the seismic retrofit of cripple walls. Introduced Feb. 21, referred to Rules Committee. Sponsored by Sen. Ellen Corbett.

http://leginfo.public.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb_1501-1550/sb_1508_bill_20080221_introduced.html

SB 1698—An act to prohibit a contractor from performing work as a contractor or subcontractor on a public work, as defined, unless he or she has obtained a public works certification from the Contractors' State License Board. The bill would require the qualifier for a license to pass a public works certification examination in order to obtain that certification. Introduced Feb. 22, referred to Rules Committee. Sponsored by Sen. Gloria Romero.

http://leginfo.public.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb_1651-1700/sb_1698_bill_20080222_introduced.html

Colorado

SB 29—Requires an architect to complete, and provide proof of completion of, 16 hours of continuing education in order to renew a license to practice architecture in the state. Introduced Jan. 9, referred to Committee on Business, Labor, and Technology. Referred to Appropriations committee Feb. 6. Sponsored by Sen. Peter Groff.

[http://www.leg.state.co.us/CLICS/CLICS2008A/csl.nsf/billcontainers/E00489E736C6798087257392007FFE28/\\$FILE/029_01.pdf](http://www.leg.state.co.us/CLICS/CLICS2008A/csl.nsf/billcontainers/E00489E736C6798087257392007FFE28/$FILE/029_01.pdf)

Connecticut

HB 5537—An act to require that all workers on public works projects take an OSHA safety course or program. Introduced Feb. 20, referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Public Employees. Sponsored by Labor and Public Employees Committee.

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2008/TOB/H/2008HB-05537-R00-HB.htm>

HB 5774—An act to require the registration of residential interior decorators. Introduced Feb. 27, referred to General Law Committee. Sponsored by General Law Committee.

http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&which_year=2008&bill_num=5774

SB 364—An act requiring the state building code be revised to incorporate revisions to the national electrical code. Introduced Feb. 21, referred to the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Security. Sponsored by the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Security.

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2008/TOB/S/2008SB-00364-R00-SB.htm>

District of Columbia

B 43—Accelerates the pace at which DC implements updated green codes. Introduced Jan. 9. Referred to Public Works and Environment Committee, Public Services and Community Affairs Committee Jan. 12. Sponsored by Councilmembers Mary Cheh and Phil Mendelson.

<http://www.dccouncil.washington.dc.us/images/00001/20070116085504.pdf>

Florida

HB 407— Prohibits a certified or registered contractor or contractor authorized by a local construction licensing board from performing work for which the contractor is not properly licensed, from subcontracting work requiring a license to an unlicensed person, or from failing to obtain required permits or inspections, etc. Introduced Dec. 19, 2007. Referred to Jobs & Entrepreneurship Council Jan. 10, 2008. Sponsored by Rep. Charles S. Chestnut.

<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2008/House/bills/billtext/html/hb040700.html>

SB 560—Provides discretionary power to the Florida Building Commission to implement recommendations regarding cost-effective, energy-efficiency standards for construction of all new residential, commercial, and governmental buildings by amending the Florida Efficiency Code for Building Construction. Pre-filed for 2008 introduction Oct. 25, 2007. Referred to Committees on Community Affairs; Regulated Industries; Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations Dec. 13, 2007. Sponsored by Sen. Lee Constantine.
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2008/Senate/bills/billtext/html/sb0560.html>

Hawaii

HB 41— Directs the counties to require the installation of solar energy systems for new residential developments with 6 or more single-family dwellings or multi-family units. Introduced Jan. 18. Referred to Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection, Finance Committee, Health and Human Services Committee Jan. 22. Carried over to 2008 regular session August 27. Sponsored by Rep. Cynthia Thielen.
<http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/HB41 .htm>

HB 93—Establishes a statewide model building code and design standards. Introduced Jan. 18. Referred to Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce (CPC), and Finance Committee Jan. 22. Passed CPC Committee with amendments (12-0-3) on Jan. 31. Passed FIN Feb. 27 (18-0-0). Passed House March 6. Referred to Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing (CPH) and Ways and Means (WAM) Committee March 8. Carried over to 2008 regular session August 27. Sponsored by Rep. Robert Herkes.
<http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/HB93 .htm>

HB 125—Excludes costs of material in determining whether cost of project is less than \$1,000 for purposes of exemption from contractor licensing law. Introduced Jan. 18. Referred to Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce (CPC) Jan. 22. Carried over to 2008 regular session August 27. Sponsored by Rep. Blake Oshiro.
<http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/HB125 .htm>

HB 572—Relating to transient accommodations. Requires each county to adopt ordinances requiring that the development, redevelopment, renovation, or modification of any structure containing transient accommodations, as defined in section 237d-1, shall be developed, redeveloped, renovated, or modified in accordance with the latest edition of the international building code. Introduced Jan. 22, referred to Committees on Tourism & Culture/ Economic Development & Business Concerns (TAC/EDB) and Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs (WLH). Passed TAC with amendments Feb. 7 (9-1-2). Passed EDB with amendments Feb. 7 (9-1-2). Carried over to 2008 regular session August 27. Sponsored by Rep. Ryan Yamane.

http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/HB572_HD1_.htm

HB 1519—Establishes a statewide model building code and design standards. Introduced Jan. 24, referred to Finance Committee and Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee. Carried over to 2008 regular session August 27. Sponsored by Rep. Michael Magaoay.

http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/HB1519_.htm

HB 1627—Relating to condominiums, makes technical and conforming amendments that relate to the recodified condominium law. Introduced Jan. 24. Referred to Committee for Consumer Protection (CPC) Jan. 26. Passed CPC Feb. 28 (12-0-3). Passed House March 6. Referred to Senate Committee on Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing (CPH) March 8. Carried over to 2008 regular session August 27. Sponsored by Rep. Robert Herkes.

http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/HB1627_HD1_.htm

HB 1846—Specifies the rights and requirements of a homeowner to bring an action for construction defects, including applicable standards for home construction, the statute of limitations, the burden of proof, the damages recoverable, a detailed prelitigation procedure, and the obligations of the homeowner. Introduced on Jan. 24, referred to the Judiciary Committee (JUD), Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee (CPC), and Committee on Human Services and Housing (HSH) Jan. 26. Deferred Feb. 1. Carried over to 2008 regular session August 27. Sponsored by Rep. Ken Ito.

http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/HB1846_.htm

HB 2997—Abolishes joint and several liability for design professionals except when design professional's degree of negligence is twenty-five per cent or more. Introduced Jan. 23. Referred to Judiciary Committee (JUD) and Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee (CPC) Jan. 25. Passed CPC Jan. 30 (11-2-3). Passed CPC Feb. 5. Passed with amendments JUD Feb. 21. Sponsored by Rep. Blake Oshiro. *This would apply to architects, as interior designers are not registered design professionals in HI.*

http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2008/bills/HB2997_.htm

HB 3110—Increases fines five-fold that may be imposed on contractors for performing work outside of their licensed specialty, unlicensed activity, and other violations relating to contractors. Introduced Jan. 23. Referred to Judiciary Committee (JUD), Finance (FIN) and Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee (CPC) Jan. 25. Sponsored by Rep. Calvin Say.

http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2008/bills/HB3110_.htm

HB 3300—Prohibits the resumption of work for any person who is issued a citation for contracting without a license until a hearing is conducted, and

provides for a \$10,000-per-day fine for contracting without a license. Introduced Jan. 23. Referred to Judiciary Committee (JUD) and Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee (CPC) Jan. 25. Sponsored by Rep. Alex M. Sonson.
http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2008/bills/HB3300_.htm

HB 3324—A title act for interior designers, “licensed interior designer.” Referred to Judiciary Committee (JUD) and Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee (CPC) Jan. 25. Introduced Jan. 23. Sponsored by Sylvia Luke.
http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2008/bills/HB3324_.htm

SB 67—Establishes state building code commission tasked with the adoption of a uniform state building code. Introduced Jan. 17, referred to Intergovernmental and Military Affairs Committee and Ways and Means Committee. Carried over to 2008 regular session August 27. Sponsored by Sen. Brian Taniguchi.
http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/SB67_.htm

SB 102—Establishes a state building code council; authorizes the council to establish a state building code. Introduced Jan. 18, referred to Committee on Tourism and Government Operations/Intergovernmental and Military Affairs Committee and Ways and Means Committee. Carried over to 2008 regular session August 27. Sponsored by Sen. Norman Sakamoto.
http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/SB102_.htm

SB 644—Requires the installation of solar energy devices in all new residential construction. Introduced Jan. 19. Referred to Committee on Energy and Environment (ENE) and Committee on Economic Development and Taxation (EDT) Jan. 22. Passed ENE Committee with amendments (3-1-1) Feb 6. Passed EDT Committee with amendments (3-1-1) Feb. 15. Referred to Ways and Means Committee Feb. 16. Passed WAM with amendments Feb. 28 (10-0-1). Passed Senate March 6 (23-1-1). Referred to House Committee on Human Services & Housing Committee (HSH)/ Energy & Environmental Protection Committee (EEP), Economic Development & Business Concerns Committee (EDB), and Finance Committee (FIN) March 9. Deferred by committee Mar. 12. Carried over to 2008 regular session August 27. Sponsored by Sen. Gary Hooser.
http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/SB644_.htm

SB 1650—Requires the filing of a certificate of merit with any complaint filed against a design professional for the failure to meet the standard of care. Introduced Jan. 24. Referred to Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing (CPH) and Committee on Judiciary and Labor Jan. 30. Passed CPH Feb. 13 with amendments. Carried over to 2008 regular session August 27. Sponsored by Sen. Norman Sakamoto.
http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/SB1650_.htm

SB 2893— Abolishes joint and several liability for design professionals except when design professional's degree of negligence is twenty-five per cent or more. Introduced Jan. 23. Sponsored by Sen. Clayton Hee. Referred to Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing (CPH) and Judiciary and Labor (JDL) Jan. 25. Passed CPH with amendments Feb. 7. Passed committee *This would not apply to interior designers, as interior designers are not registered design professionals in HI.*
[http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2008/bills/SB2896 .htm](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2008/bills/SB2896.htm)

HCR 26— Requesting the board of professional engineers, architects, surveyors and landscape architects to promote awareness of family caregiving needs in the design of new residences. Introduced Jan. 19. Referred to Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce (CPC) and Higher Education Committee (HED) Jan. 30. Passed CPC March 28. Sponsored by Rep. Marilyn B. Lee.
[http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/HCR26 .htm](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/HCR26.htm)

HCR 89—Requesting the auditor to conduct a sunrise review of licensure of interior designers. Introduced Feb. 21. Sponsored by Rep. Sylvia Luke.
[http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2008/bills/HCR89 .htm](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2008/bills/HCR89.htm)

HR 14—Requesting the Hawaii state council of the American Institute of Architects to promote awareness of family caregiving needs in the design of new residences. Introduced Jan. 19. Referred to Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce (CPC) and Higher Education Committee (HED) Jan. 30. Passed CPC with amendments March 28. Sponsored by Rep. Marilyn Lee.
[http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/HR14_HD1 .htm](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/HR14_HD1.htm)

Idaho

HB 380—An act providing for the licensure of land surveyors. Introduced Jan. 22, referred to Committee on Business. Sponsored by Business Committee.
<http://www3.state.id.us/oasis/H0380.html>

HB 422—Adds energy efficiency requirements for state buildings to existing law. Introduced Jan. 25, referred to Committee on Environment, Energy, and Technology. Passed committee. Feb. 1. Passed House Feb. 7 (55-11-4) Sponsored by Committee on Environment, Energy, and Technology.
<http://www3.state.id.us/oasis/H0422.html>

HB 437— Amends existing law relating to the state fire marshal to provide that the International Fire Code shall apply to state-owned buildings and premises. Introduced Jan. 30, referred to Business Committee. Sponsored by Business Committee.
<http://www3.state.id.us/oasis/H0437.html>

SB 1412—An act requiring use of integrated design practices and fundamental commissioning for design and construction of new school buildings and to provide that new school building plans shall be reviewed for compliance with rules promulgated by the administrator of the Division of Building Safety relating to school building design and energy efficiency. Introduced Feb. 8. Referred to Committee on State Affairs Feb. 11. Sponsored by Committee on State Affairs. <http://www3.state.id.us/oasis/S1412.html>

Illinois

HB 373—Creates the General Building Contractor Licensing Act. Provides for the licensure and regulation of general building contractors and specialty contractors by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Introduced, referred to Rules Committee Jan. 26. Assigned to Executive Committee Jan. 31. Sponsored by Jack D. Franks. <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=09500HB0373lv&SessionId=51&GA=95&DocTypeId=HB&DocNum=373&GAID=9&LegID=&SpecSess=&Session=&print=true>

HB 474—Creates the General Building Contractor Licensing Act, providing for the licensure and regulation of general building contractors and specialty contractors and creation of the General Building Contractor Licensing Board. Introduced Feb. 1, referred to Rules Committee. Feb. 7 assigned to Executive Committee. Feb. 8 re-assigned to Registration and Regulation Committee. Passed committee March 21. Sponsored by Rep. Jack D. Franks. <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=09500HB0474lv&SessionId=51&GA=95&DocTypeId=HB&DocNum=474&GAID=9&LegID=&SpecSess=&Session=&print=true>

HB 1060—Creates the Contractor and Developer Licensing Act. Introduced Feb. 8, referred to Rules Committee. Assigned to Executive Committee Feb. 15. Sponsored by Rep. Daniel J. Burks. <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=09500HB1060lv&SessionId=51&GA=95&DocTypeId=HB&DocNum=1060&GAID=9&LegID=&SpecSess=&Session=&print=true>

HB 1842— Amends the Energy Efficient Commercial Building Act, renaming it “Energy Efficient Building Act,” provides a definition of “building,” and applies act to all buildings, not only commercial. Introduced Feb. 23, referred to Rules Committee. Assigned to Energy and Environment Committee Feb. 27. Passed House April 24 (74-38). Referred to Senate Rules Committee April 25. Sponsored by Rep. Julie Hamos. <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=09500HB1842lv&SessionId=51&GA=95&DocTypeId=HB&DocNum=1842&GAID=9&LegID=&SpecSess=&Session=&print=true>

HB 1950—Creates the Fire Prevention Safety Act. Introduced Feb. 23, referred to Rules Committee. Assigned to Fire Protection Committee Feb. 27. Passed committee March 14. Sponsored by Rep. Donald Moffitt.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=09500HB1950lv&SessionId=51&GA=95&DocTypeId=HB&DocNum=1950&GAID=9&LegID=&SpecSes s=&Session=&print=true>

HB 2176—Creates the Toxic Mold Act. Introduced Feb. 26, referred to Rules Committee. Referred to Executive Committee Mar. 1. Passed committee March 14. Sponsored by Rep. Michael J. Madigan.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=09500HB2176lv&SessionId=51&GA=95&DocTypeId=HB&DocNum=2176&GAID=9&LegID=&SpecSes s=&Session=&print=true>

HB 3257—Amends the Interior Design Title Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning public policy. Introduced Feb. 26, referred to Rules Committee. Mar. 1 referred to Executive Committee. Passed committee March 14. Sponsored by Rep. Tom Cross.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=09500HB3257lv&SessionId=51&GA=95&DocTypeId=HB&DocNum=3257&GAID=9&LegID=&SpecSes s=&Session=&print=true>

HB 4587— Provides for the registration of residential building general contractors. Introduced Jan. 22. Referred to Rules Committee Jan. 25. Sponsored by Rep. Jack Franks.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=09500HB4587lv&SessionId=51&GA=95&DocTypeId=HB&DocNum=4587&GAID=9&LegID=&SpecSes s=&Session=&print=true>

HB 4789—Requires the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, in coordination with the Environmental Protection Agency and the Pollution Control Board, to adopt rules for radon control for all new residential buildings. Requires that these rules incorporate the radon control methods set forth in the International Residential Code. Introduced Feb. 6, referred to Rules Committee. Referred to Environment & Energy Committee Feb. 20. Sponsored by Rep. Karen May.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=09500HB4789lv&SessionId=51&GA=95&DocTypeId=HB&DocNum=4789&GAID=9&LegID=&SpecSes s=&Session=&print=true>

HB 4845—Amends the Interior Design Title Act. Changes the title of licensees under the Act from "interior designer" to "registered interior designer" and from "residential interior designer" to "registered residential interior designer" throughout the Act. Removes grandfathering provisions. Introduced Feb. 8, referred to Rules Committee. Referred to Registration and Regulation Committee Feb. 22. Sponsored by Rep. Angelo Saviano.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=09500HB4845lv&SessionId=51&GA=95&DocTypeId=HB&DocNum=4845&GAID=9&LegID=&SpecSess=&Session=&print=true>

HB 4920—Amends the Contractor Prompt Payment Act. Provides that under a construction contract, it is unlawful to withhold more than 5% retainage on payments earned by contractors and subcontractors, and that upon completion of 50% of the work under the contract, retainage may not exceed 2.5%. Introduced Feb. 13, referred to Rules Committee. Referred to State Government Administration Committee Feb. 20. Sponsored by Rep. Louis Lang.
<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=09500HB4920lv&SessionId=51&GA=95&DocTypeId=HB&DocNum=4920&GAID=9&LegID=&SpecSess=&Session=&print=true>

SB 155—Creates the Painting, Drywall Finishing, and Glazing Contractor Licensing Act. Regulates painting, drywall finishing, and glazing contractors through licensure requirements. Introduced Jan. 31, referred to Rules Committee. Assigned to Committee on Licensed Activities March 2. Passed committee March 15. Passed Senate May 1 (54-1-1), referred to House Rules Committee. Assigned to Labor Committee May 14. Sponsored by Sen. Terry Link.
<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=09500SB0155lv&SessionId=51&GA=95&DocTypeId=SB&DocNum=155&GAID=9&LegID=&SpecSess=&Session=&print=true>

SB 579—Creates the Contractor Licensing Act. Introduced Feb. 8, referred to Rules Committee. Sponsored by Sen. Deanna Demuzio.
<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=09500SB0579lv&SessionId=51&GA=95&DocTypeId=SB&DocNum=579&GAID=9&LegID=&SpecSess=&Session=&print=true>

SB 1184—Creates the Affordable and Clean Energy Standards (ACES) Act. Introduced Feb. 8, referred to Rules Committee. Assigned to Committee on Environment and Energy Feb. 21. Passed committee March 15. Passed Senate May 9 (56-0), referred to House Rules Committee. Sponsored by Sen. Don Harmon.
<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=09500SB1184lv&SessionId=51&GA=95&DocTypeId=SB&DocNum=1184&GAID=9&LegID=&SpecSess=&Session=&print=true>

HR 405—Opposes a 66% increase in the income tax as well as an expansion of the State use and occupation taxes to certain services, including interior design services. Introduced May 9, referred to Rules Committee. Sponsored by Rep. Jay Hoffman.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=09500HR04051v&SessionId=51&GA=95&DocTypeId=HR&DocNum=405&GAID=9&LegID=&SpecSess=&Session=&print=true>

Indiana

HB 1089—Requires the fire prevention and building safety commission to certify: (1) automatic fire sprinkler contractors; (2) journeyman automatic fire sprinkler fitters; and (3) automatic fire sprinkler system apprentices. Introduced Jan. 8, referred to Committee on Labor and Employment. Passed committee Jan. 22, 2008. Sponsored by Rep. David L. Niezgodski.

<http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2008/IN/IN1089.1.html>

SB 13—Requires development and use of standard state building plans for school facilities. Introduced Nov. 20, 2007, referred to Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy. Passed committee Jan. 22, 2008. Passed Senate Jan. 29 (43-5). Referred to House Ways and Means Committee Feb. 5. Sponsored by Sen. Brandt Hershman.

<http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2008/IN/IN0013.1.html>

SB 154—Removes interior designers from list of accepted registered design professionals for state healthcare facilities. Introduced Jan. 8, referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services. Passed committee Jan. 10. Passed Senate Jan. 17 (46-0), referred to House. Referred to Committee on Public Health Jan. 30. Sponsored by Sen. Patricia Miller.

<http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2008/SB/SB0154.1.html>

SB 302—Changes licensing requirements for out-of-state architects. Introduced Jan. 10, referred to Committee on Commerce and Public Policy & Interstate Cooperation. Passed committee Jan. 28. Passed Senate Jan. 29 (48-0), referred to House. Referred to Committee on Government and Regulatory Reform Feb. 4. Passed committee Feb. 21. Sponsored by Sen. Ryan Mishler.

<http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2008/IN/IN0302.1.html>

Kentucky

HB 434—An act to establish legislative finding stating that reasonable standards for the remediation of mold in private and public settings should be maintained; Establishes definitions for "department," "mold," "mold remediation," and "mold remediation company"; establish the basis for minimum mold remediation standards. Introduced Jan. 31. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Environment. Passed committee Feb. 26. Sponsored by Rep. Robert Damron.

<http://www.lrc.state.ky.us/record/08rs/HB434/bill.doc>

HB 517—An act to require construction or renovation of buildings financed primarily by the state to meet the LEED certified standard. Introduced Feb. 13. Referred to Committee on State Government Feb. 15. Sponsored by Rep. Carl Rollins.

<http://www.lrc.state.ky.us/record/08rs/HB517/bill.doc>

SB 23—A bill designating architect emeritus status. Bill also removes interior design grandfathering language. Bill increases penalty fees for violating professional licensing laws. Introduced Jan. 8, referred to Committee on Licensing, Occupations and Administrative Regulations. Passed committee Jan. 29. Referred to Rules Committee Jan. 30. Passed Rules Feb. 25. Passed Senate Feb. 26 (35-0). Sponsored by Sen. Gary Tapp.

<http://www.lrc.state.ky.us/record/08rs/SB23/bill.doc>

Louisiana

SB 64—Provides restrictions and disclosure requirements involving contractual arrangements between certain public servants and certain persons and entities. Introduced Feb. 11. Referred to Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs Feb. 12. Sponsored by Sen. Jack Donahue.

<http://www.legis.state.la.us/billdata/streamdocument.asp?did=456786>

HCR 167—Requests the governor to suspend the provisions of the International Residential Code from mandatory statewide enforcement. Introduced May 31, referred to Commerce Committee. Sponsored by Rep. Warren Triche.

<http://www.legis.state.la.us/billdata/streamdocument.asp?did=436904>

SCR 6—Extends the effective date of the State Uniform Construction Code from Jan 1, 2007 until July 1, 2007. Introduced on Dec. 8, referred to Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs. Sponsored by Sen. Joe McPherson.

<http://www.legis.state.la.us/billdata/streamdocument.asp?did=413945>

Maine

LD 1038—Creates the Maine Home Contractor Licensing Act. Introduced March 6, referred to Committee on Business, Research, and Economic Development. Carried over to 2008 legislative session. Sponsored by Rep. John Hinck.

<http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/billdocs/LD103801.rtf>

Maryland

HB15—Establishes Task Force on Classroom Indoor Air Quality Standards. Introduced Jan. 9, referred to Ways and Means Committee. Sponsored by Del. Craig Rice.

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2008RS/bills/hb/hb0015f.pdf>

HB 448— Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to adopt as a modification of the Maryland Building Performance Standards minimum standards for visitability in the design and construction of newly constructed single-family dwellings for which a building permit is issued on or after April 1, 2009. Introduced Jan. 30. Sponsored by Delegate Doyle Niemann.

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2008RS/bills/hb/hb0448f.pdf>

HB 1247—An act establishing that the ability to place mechanic's lien includes certified interior design services. Introduced Feb. 8, referred to Committee on Environmental Matters. Sponsored by Delegate Thomas Hucker.

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2008RS/bills/hb/hb1247f.pdf>

HB 1309—An act requiring licensure for mold remediators. Introduced Feb. 8, referred to Committee on Economic Matters. Sponsored by Delegate Brian McHale.

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2008RS/bills/hb/hb1309f.pdf>

SB 844—An act authorizing the Maryland Home Improvement Commission to deny, reprimand, suspend, or revoke home improvement licenses for failure to comply with specified requirements in the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays. Introduced Feb. 11, referred to Rules Committee. Re-referred to Committee on Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Feb. 18. Sponsored by Sen. Thomas Miller.

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2008RS/bills/sb/sb0844f.pdf>

Massachusetts

HB 341 (HD 1248)—An act relative to certification of interior designers. (Introduced by Boston Society of Architects). Sponsored by Rep. Martin Walsh.

<http://www.mass.gov/legis/bills/house/185/ht00pdf/ht00341.pdf>

HB 1852—An act requiring installation of emergency egress lighting in buildings designed or used for entertainment purposes, such as sports complexes or nightclubs. Introduced Jan. 11, 2007, referred to Committee on Labor and Workforce Development. Re-referred to Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security Jan. 10, 2008. Sponsored by Rep. David Sullivan.

<http://www.mass.gov/legis/bills/house/185/ht01pdf/ht01852.pdf>

HB 3182—An act restricting the bidding on state contracts to architects and engineers. Sponsored by Rep. Joseph Driscoll.

<http://www.mass.gov/legis/bills/house/185/ht03pdf/ht03182.pdf>

HB 3209 (HD 2256)—An Act allowing registered interior designers to bid on state contracts. Sponsored by Rep. Louis Kafka.

<http://www.mass.gov/legis/bills/house/185/ht03pdf/ht03209.pdf>

HB 3221—An Act to update the state building code automatically to conform to the International Energy Conservation Code. Sponsored by Rep. James Marzilli.

<http://www.mass.gov/legis/bills/house/185/ht03pdf/ht03221.pdf>

HB 4229—Bill designating architect emeritus status. Introduced Sept. 6, referred to Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Referred to Ways and Means Sept. 6.

<http://www.mass.gov/legis/bills/house/185/ht04pdf/ht04229.pdf>

HB 4344 (formerly HB 4230)—Bill requiring continuing education of construction supervisors, creating advisory board. Introduced Sept. 6, referred to Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Referred to Ways and Means Sept. 6. Passed committee with amendment Nov. 7, substituting therefore a new draft(HB 4344).

<http://www.mass.gov/legis/bills/house/185/ht04pdf/ht04230.pdf>

HD 2239—An Act establishing a commission to study ergonomics in the public schools. Pre-filed on Jan. 9. Sponsored by Rep. Louis Kafka.

SB 178 (SB 865)—Relative to interior designers. Introduced Jan. 10, referred to Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sponsored by Sen. Cynthia Creem.

<http://www.mass.gov/legis/bills/senate/185/st00/st00178.htm>

SB 189—Relative to home improvement contractor registration. Introduced Jan. 10, referred to Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sponsored by Sen. Thomas McGee.

<http://www.mass.gov/legis/bills/senate/185/st00/st00189.htm>

SB 1901—An act relative to sustainable building in state construction projects. Introduced Jan. 10, referred to Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Referred to Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. Sponsored by Sen. Pamela Resor.

<http://www.mass.gov/legis/bills/senate/185/st01/st01901.htm>

Michigan

HB 4770—Issuance of certain permits to certain persons; clarify as to interior designers. Introduced May 16, referred to Commerce Committee. Passed committee Oct. 11. Passed House Oct. 11 (76-31). Referred to Senate Committee on Commerce and Tourism Oct. 16. Sponsored by Rep. William Huizenga.

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2007-2008/billintroduced/House/htm/2007-HIB-4770.htm>

HB 4771— Providing for licensure of interior designers. Introduced May 16, referred to Commerce Committee. Passed committee Oct. 11. Passed House Oct. 11 (65-42). Referred to Senate Committee on Commerce and Tourism Oct. 16. Sponsored by Rep. Andy Meisner.

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2007-2008/billintroduced/House/htm/2007-HIB-4771.htm>

HB 4772—Providing for the licensure of interior designers. Introduced May 16, referred to Commerce Committee. Passed committee Oct. 11. Passed House Oct. 11 (72-35). Referred to Senate Committee on Commerce and Tourism Oct. 16. Sponsored by Rep. Andy Meisner.

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2007-2008/billintroduced/House/htm/2007-HIB-4772.htm>

HB 4937—Increases penalties for violations of codes regarding architects, engineers and surveyors. Introduced June 19, referred to Committee on Regulatory Reform. Passed committee Oct. 11. Passed House Oct. 11 (89-19). Referred to Senate Committee on Economic Development. Sponsored by Rep. Michael G. Sak.

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2007-2008/billintroduced/House/htm/2007-HIB-4937.htm>

HB 5280—A bill mandating sales tax on interior design services and not architectural or engineering services. Introduced Oct. 10, referred to Committee on Tax Policy. Sponsored by Rep. Daniel Acciavatti.

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2007-2008/billintroduced/House/htm/2007-HIB-5280.htm>

SB 824— A bill mandating sales tax on interior design services and not architectural or engineering services. Introduced October 10, referred to Finance Committee. Sponsored by Sen. Cameron Brown.

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2007-2008/billintroduced/Senate/htm/2007-SIB-0824.htm>

SB 838— A bill mandating sales tax on interior design services and not architectural or engineering services. Introduced October 18, referred to Finance Committee. Sponsored by Sen. Nancy Cassis.

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2007-2008/billintroduced/Senate/htm/2007-SIB-0838.htm>

Mississippi

HR 12—A resolution urging Mississippi's businesses and industries to help protect the health, well-being and investment made in the state's workforce by implementing ergonomic practices and programs proven to prevent and relieve musculoskeletal disorders. Introduced Jan. 25, referred to Rules Committee. Sponsored by Rep. James Evans.

<http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2008/pdf/HR/HR0012IN.pdf>

HB 266—Requires contractors to have and maintain liability insurance. Introduced Jan. 25. Died in committee Feb. 19. Sponsored by Rep. Henry Zuber.
<http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2008/pdf/HB/0200-0299/HB0266IN.pdf>

HB 330—An interior design practice act. Introduced Jan. 29, referred to Committees on Judiciary and Appropriations. Died in committee Feb. 19. Sponsored by Rep. Jessica Upshaw.
<http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2008/pdf/HB/0300-0399/HB0330IN.pdf>

HB 491—An act to require the licensing agencies of certain professions and occupations to suspend the license of any licensee who defaults on or fails to comply with the requirements of an educational loan, service conditional scholarship or loan repayment program obligation that has been granted or guaranteed by any federal, state or local agency or political subdivision under which the licensee obtained any of the education necessary to qualify for the license. Introduced Jan. 30, referred to Committees on Universities and Colleges, and Appropriations. Died in committee Feb. 19. Sponsored by Rep. Bobby Howell.
<http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2008/pdf/HB/0400-0499/HB0491IN.pdf>

HB 667—An act to require applicants for contracting licensure to be tested for knowledge of energy reduction techniques. Introduced Feb. 1, referred to Judiciary Committee. Died in committee Feb. 19. Sponsored by Rep. Mark Baker.
<http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2008/pdf/HB/0600-0699/HB0667IN.pdf>

HB 1465—An act to provide that any county or municipality that adopts building codes after July 1, 2008, shall adopt as minimum codes any codes established by the Mississippi building codes council. Introduced Feb. 4, referred to Committee on County Affairs and Committee on Insurance. Sponsored by Rep. Walter Robinson.
<http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2008/pdf/HB/1400-1499/HB1465CS.pdf>

Missouri

HB 1457— Requires all counties and fire protection districts to adopt and enforce the 2003 ICC International Fire Code by August 28, 2009. Introduced Jan. 9. Sponsored by Rep. Jeff Roorda.
<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills081/biltxt/intro/HB1457I.htm>

HB 1863—Requires state agencies to engage in energy conservation and state buildings to meet the International Energy Conservation Code. Introduced Jan. 24. Sponsored by Rep. Judy Baker.
<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills081/biltxt/intro/HB1863I.htm>

Nebraska

LB 204—Changes provisions relating to the contractor registration act, requiring registration for contractors in all counties. Introduced Jan. 9. Referred to Business and Labor Committee Jan. 11. Passed committee Jan. 14. Passed Legislature Jan.

17 (31-16-2). Signed into law by governor Feb. 11. Sponsored by Sen. John Synowieki.

<http://uniweb.legislature.ne.gov/FloorDocs/Current/PDF/Final/LB204.pdf>

LB 748—A title act to certify interior designers. Introduced Jan. 9, referred to Committee on Government, Military and Veterans Affairs. Hearing scheduled for Feb. 1. Sponsored by Sen. Kent Rogert.

<http://uniweb.legislature.ne.gov/FloorDocs/Current/PDF/Intro/LB748.pdf>

New Hampshire

HB 174—Establishes a board of residential building and remodeling contractors. Introduced Jan. 4, referred to Committee on Executive Departments and Administration. Passed committee Nov. 14. Carried over to 2008 legislative session. Sponsored by Rep. Ken Hawkins.

<http://gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2007/HB0174.html>

HB 1571—Requires publicly accessible buildings to meet ADA accessibility standards. Introduced Jan. 2, referred to Commerce Committee. Sponsored by Rep. Kathleen Russell.

<http://gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2008/HB1571.html>

SB 471—An act allowing municipalities to adopt local amendments to the state building code concerning the installation and inspection of heating and ventilation system duct and vent work. Introduced Jan. 2, referred to Committee on Public and Municipal Affairs. Sponsored by Sen. John Barnes.

<http://gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2008/SB0471.html>

LSR 2209— Provides for regulation of interior designers. Pre-filed Oct. 9. Sponsored by Rep. Jane Wood.

New Jersey

AB 1344— Provides for registration of mold inspectors and remediators. Introduced Jan. 8, referred to Committee on Regulated Professions. Sponsored by Assemblyman Vincent Prieto.

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/A1500/1344_I1.htm

AB 2059—An act to clarify functions of land surveyor as distinguished from functions of licensed professional engineer. Introduced Feb. 7, referred to Committee on Regulated Professions. Sponsored by Assemblyman John McKeon.

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/A2500/2059_I1.htm

AB 2070—The Green Building Tax Credit Act would provide tax credits toward the corporation business tax, gross income tax and other taxes for developers and owners who design and build buildings that meet certain green building criteria.

Introduced Feb. 7, referred to Committee on Environment and Solid Waste.
Sponsored by Assembly John McKeon.
http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/A2500/2070_I1.htm

SB 1077— The Green Building Tax Credit Act would provide tax credits toward the corporation business tax, gross income tax and other taxes for developers and owners who design and build buildings that meet certain green building criteria. Introduced Feb. 14, referred to Committee on Economic Growth. Sponsored by Sen. Robert Smith.
http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/S1500/1077_I1.htm

New Mexico

SB 36—An act making an appropriation to the energy, minerals and natural resources department for a training program for green building certification. Introduced Jan. 15, referred to Committees on Conservation and Finance. **Passed Finance committee Jan. 17.** Sponsored by Sen. Dede Feldman.
<http://www.legis.state.nm.us/Sessions/08%20Regular/bills/senate/SB0036.pdf>

New York

AB 1052—Requires the commissioner of the NYC department of buildings and the fire commissioner to promulgate rules and regulations imposing penalties for violations of the building code of NYC. Introduced on Jan. 3, referred to Committee on Governmental Operations. Legislature in recess until Dec. 31. Bills carry over to 2008 legislative session. Sponsored by Assemblyman Keith L. T. Wright.
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A01052&sh=t>

AB 1927—Relates to the practice of land surveying; upgrades the licensing requirements for land surveyors and revises the definition of land surveying as practicing that branch of the engineering profession and applied mathematics which includes the application of rules and regulations in accordance with certain local requirements; creates a two-tiered licensing procedure. Introduced on Jan. 11, referred to the Committee on Higher Education. Bills carry over to 2008 legislative session. Sponsored by Assemblyman Ronald J. Canestrari.
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A01927&sh=t>

AB 1928—Provides for an additional ten dollar licensing fee to be charged for the registration of any application for a professional license and establishes the unlawful practice oversight account into which such additional fees shall be deposited. Introduced on Jan. 11, referred to the Committee on Higher Education. Bills carry over to 2008 legislative session. Sponsored by Assemblyman Ronald J. Canestrari.
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A01928&sh=t>

AB 2005—Enacts the state green building construction act. Introduced Jan. 11, referred to Energy Committee. Passed committee April 17, referred to Ways and Means Committee. Passed Assembly April 23, referred to Senate Committee on Energy and Telecommunications. Recalled from Senate and returned to Assembly, amended and re-passed Assembly June 18. Referred to Senate Rules committee June 22. Bills carry over to 2008 legislative session. Died in Senate, returned to Assembly for third reading Jan. 9, 2008. Passed Assembly Feb. 25, referred to Senate Committee on Energy and Telecommunications. Sponsored by Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo.

<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A02005&sh=t>

AB 2620—Exempts sole practitioners and those who certify economic hardship from continuing education requirements for engineers and architects. Introduced on Jan. 17 and referred to the Committee on Higher Education. Bills carry over to 2008 legislative session. Re-referred to Committee on Higher Education Jan. 9, 2008. Sponsored by Assemblyman David G. McDonough.

<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A02620&sh=t>

AB 4818—Amends tax law to exclude interior design services provided by a "certified interior designer" from the sale tax law. Introduced Feb. 6, referred to Ways and Means Committee. Bills carry over to 2008 legislative session. Sponsored by Assemblyman Ronald Canestrari.

<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A04818&sh=t>

AB 6534—Amends current interior design law to change from "certified interior designer" to "interior designer." Introduced March 13, referred to Committee on Higher Education. Bills carry over to 2008 legislative session. Sponsored by Assemblyman Ronald Canestrari.

<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A06534&sh=t>

AB 6662—An act to require that landscape irrigation contractors pass an examination designated by the secretary of state; regulating the scope of activities of a landscape irrigation contractor; provides for civil penalties. Introduced Mar. 16, 2007, referred to Committee on Economic Development. Sponsored by Assemblyman Robert Sweeney.

<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A06662&sh=t>

SB 2516—Amends tax law to exclude interior design services provided by a "certified interior designer" from the sale tax law. Introduced Feb. 6, referred to Committee on Investigations and Government Operations. Passed committee March 7. Passed Senate April 16, referred to Assembly Ways and Means Committee. Bills carry over to 2008 legislative session. Died in Assembly Jan. 9, 2008, returned to Senate and referred to Committee on Investigations and Government Operations. Sponsored by Sen. Kenneth LaValle.

<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=S02516&sh=t>

SB 2762—Enacts the "landscape irrigation contractor certification act." Introduced Feb. 12, referred to Consumer Protection Committee (CPC). Passed committee May 21. Bills carry over to 2008 legislative session. **Amended and resubmitted to CPC Jan. 31.** Sponsored by Sen. Carl L. Marcellino.
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=S02762&sh=t>

SB 3659—Amends current interior design law to change from "certified interior designer" to "interior designer." Introduced March 13, referred to Committee on Higher Education. Passed committee April 23. Passed Senate unanimously April 25. Referred to Assembly Committee on Higher Education April 25. Bills carry over to 2008 legislative session. Died in Assembly Jan. 9, 2008, returned to Senate and referred to Committee on Higher Education. Sponsored by Sen. Kenneth LaValle.
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=S03659&sh=t>

SB 6389—Provides for the regulation of contractors in the city of Buffalo. Introduced June 20, 2007, referred to Rules Committee. Referred to Cities Committee Jan. 9, 2008. Sponsored by Sen. Antoine Thompson.
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=S06389&sh=t>

North Carolina

HB 586—An act to adopt the international building code as the state building code and to expedite decisions of the building code council. Filed for intro March 12. Referred to Committee on Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship March 13. Sponsored by Rep. Bruce Goforth.
<http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/Sessions/2007/Bills/House/HTML/H586v0.html>

HB 1850—An act to require toilets in public facilities and buildings to be well-ventilated. Introduced April 19, referred to Ways and Means Committee. Sponsored by Rep. Garland Pierce.
<http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/Sessions/2007/Bills/House/HTML/H1850v0.html>

SB 695—An act to adopt the international building code as the state building code and to expedite decisions of the building code council. Filed for intro March 12. Referred to Committee on Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship March 13. Sponsored by Sen. Daniel Clodfelter.
<http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/Sessions/2007/Bills/Senate/HTML/S695v0.html>

Ohio

HB 340—A bill to create the State Board for Certified Interior Designers and to permit interior designers who meet certain requirements to be certified by that Board. Introduced Oct. 3, referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor. Sponsored by Rep. Larry Flowers.
http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=127_HB_0171

SB 225—Amends the architects law, changing the board name and changing language to become gender neutral. Introduced Sept. 27, referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor. Passed committee and Senate Oct. 30. Referred to House Commerce & Labor Committee Nov. 1. **Passed committee Feb. 6, 2008.**

Sponsored by Sen. Tim Schaffer.

http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=127_SB_0225

Oklahoma

SB 1139—An act repealing requirement of the State Fire Marshal to adopt rules and regulations regarding fire-resistant insulating materials. Filed for Feb. 4 introduction on Jan. 28. Sponsored by Sen. Harry Coates.

http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/2007-08SB/SB1139_int.rtf

HB 2773—An act providing for the registration of contractors. Introduced Feb. 4. Referred to Rules Committee Feb. 5. Re-referred to Economic Development and Financial Services Committee Feb. 13. Sponsored by Rep. Doug Cox.

http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/2007-08HB/HB2773_int.rtf

SB 642—An act creating the Commercial Contractors Licensing Act, providing definitions, scope of practice, and penalties. Introduced Feb. 5, 2007. Referred to Rules Committee Feb. 8. Sponsored by Sen. Harry Coates.

http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/2007-08SB/SB642_int.rtf

SB 1424—An act providing for continuing education requirements for interior designers. Filed for Feb. 4 introduction on Jan. 28. **Referred to Business and Labor Committee Feb. 5.** Sponsored by Sen. Sean Burrage.

http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/2007-08SB/SB1424_int.rtf

Pennsylvania

HB 558—An Act providing for civil actions or arbitration proceedings for damages or indemnity for injury or loss to a dwelling or personal property arising out of or related to the design, construction, condition, sale or remodeling of a dwelling, for notice and opportunity to repair, for insurance requirements, for contract of sale, for contractor notification requirements and for actions of associations. Introduced March 7, referred to Committee on Consumer Affairs. Sponsored by Rep. Craig Dally.

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/Legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&sessYr=2007&sessInd=0&billBody=H&billTyp=B&billNbr=0558&pn=0718>

HB 807—An act providing for interior design licensure; establishing the Interior Design State Licensure Board and providing for its functions; providing for sanctions, remedies and penalties; and making an appropriation. Introduced April 19, referred to Committee on Professional Licensure. Sponsored by Rep. Marc Gergely.

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/Legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&sessYr=2007&sessInd=0&billBody=H&billTyp=B&billNbr=0807&pn=1355>

HB 1096—Amends Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, defining "council"; establishing the Uniform Construction Code Review and Advisory Council; and further providing for revised or successor codes and for training of inspectors. Introduced April 18, referred to Committee on Labor Relations. Referred to Appropriations Committee Oct. 4. Passed committee Oct. 23. Passed House Oct. 29 (192-0). Referred to Senate Labor and Industry Committee Nov. 13. Sponsored by Rep. Ronald Buxton.

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/Legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&sessYr=2007&sessInd=0&billBody=H&billTyp=B&billNbr=1096&pn=2725>

HB 1204—An Act requiring the design, construction and renovation of buildings that receive a State appropriation to comply with specified energy and environmental building standards. Introduced May 31, referred to committee on Environmental Resources. Sponsored by Rep. Smith.

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/Legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&sessYr=2007&sessInd=0&billBody=H&billTyp=B&billNbr=1204&pn=1746>

HB 1268—An Act providing for the regulation of home improvement contracts and for registration of certain home improvement contractors. Introduced May 18, referred to committee on Consumer Affairs. Sponsored by Rep. Anthony DeLuca.

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/Legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&sessYr=2007&sessInd=0&billBody=H&billTyp=B&billNbr=1268&pn=1583>

HB 1776— An Act providing for the licensing of contractors. Introduced Jan. 28, referred to Committee on Labor Relations. Sponsored by Rep. Robert Belfanti.

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/Legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&sessYr=2007&sessInd=0&billBody=H&billTyp=B&billNbr=1776&pn=3140>

HB 1821—An Act providing for the regulation of home construction contracts and for the registration of certain home builders; prohibiting certain acts; providing for penalties; establishing the Home Builder Guaranty Fund. Introduced Sept. 4, referred to Committee on Consumer Affairs. **Hearing scheduled for March 13, 2008.** Sponsored by Re. Frank Shimkus.

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/Legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&sessYr=2007&sessInd=0&billBody=H&billTyp=B&billNbr=1821&pn=2420>

SB 28—Requires the design, construction and renovation of buildings that receive a State appropriation to comply with specified energy and environmental building standards. Introduced Oct. 25, referred to Committee on Energy Policies.

Sponsored by Sen. John Pippy.

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/Legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&sessYr=2007&sessInd=1&billBody=S&billTyp=B&billNbr=0028&pn=0020>

SB 100—Providing for the regulation of home improvement contracts and for the registration of certain contractors. Introduced Mar. 2, referred to Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Passed committee March 14, referred to Appropriations Committee. Passed Senate June 5 (46-1). Referred to House Committee on Consumer Affairs June 20. Sponsored by Sen. Robert Tomlinson.

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/Legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&sessYr=2007&sessInd=0&billBody=S&billTyp=B&billNbr=0100&pn=0135>

Rhode Island

SB 2432—An act to require contractors to warrant their work for a period of ten years. Introduced Feb. 12, referred to Labor Committee. Sponsored by Sen. Daniel DaPonte.

<http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/BillText/BillText08/SenateText08/S2432.htm>

South Carolina

SB 1052—The "interior design consumer protection act, requiring a person rendering an interior design service to register with the department of labor, licensing and regulation." Introduced Jan. 30, referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry. Sponsored by Sen. Robert Ford.

http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess117_2007-2008/bills/1052.htm

South Dakota

SB 91—Establish design and construction standards for newly constructed or renovated state buildings, public school facilities, and higher education facilities. Introduced Jan. 15, referred to Committee on State Affairs. Passed committee Jan. 28 (5-3). Sponsored by Sen. Tom Katus.

<http://legis.state.sd.us/sessions/2008/Bills/SB91P.htm>

Tennessee

HB 2554— Updates citations to the International Energy Conservation Code and replaces citations to the Southern Building Code with citations to the International Building Code. Filed for introduction Jan. 14. Referred to Commerce Committee Jan. 16. Sponsored by Rep. Jim Hackworth.

<http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/bills/currentga/BILL/HB2554.pdf>

HB 2555— Requires the state fire marshal to promulgate new statewide building construction safety standards. Filed for introduction Jan. 10. Referred to Committees on Commerce and Government Operations Jan. 16. Sponsored by Rep. Jim Hackworth.

<http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/bills/currentga/BILL/HB2555.pdf>

HB 2757—Requires 2000 International Energy Conservation Code with 2002 amendments, published by the International Code Council, be used as minimum requirements for local jurisdictions. Filed for introduction Jan. 15. Sponsored by Rep. Jim Hackworth.

<http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/bills/currentga/BILL/HB2757.pdf>

HB 2950— Removes requirement that pre-licensing courses for general contractors be approved by the state board for licensing contractors. Introduced Jan. 17. Referred to Commerce Committee. Sponsored by Rep. Susan Lynn.

<http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/bills/currentga/BILL/HB2950.pdf>

HB 3092— Requires 2000 International Energy Conservation Code with 2002 amendments, published by the International Code Council, be used as minimum requirements for local jurisdictions. Filed for introduction Jan. 17. Referred to Environment, Conservation, and Tourism Committee Jan. 23. Sponsored by Sen. Tommy Kilby.

<http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/bills/currentga/BILL/SB3092.pdf>

SB 3093— Updates citations to the International Energy Conservation Code and replaces citations to the Southern Building Code with citations to the International Building Code. Filed for introduction Jan. 17. Referred to Environment, Conservation, and Tourism Committee Jan. 23. Sponsored by Sen. Tommy Kilby.

<http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/bills/currentga/BILL/SB3093.pdf>

SB 3140—Requires the state fire marshal to promulgate new statewide building construction safety standards. Filed for introduction Jan. 17. Referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor, and Agriculture Jan. 23. Sponsored by Sen. Bill Ketron.

<http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/bills/currentga/BILL/SB3140.pdf>

SB 3176—Removes requirement that pre-licensing courses for general contractors be approved by the state board for licensing contractors. Introduced Jan. 17. Referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor, and Agriculture Jan. 16. Sponsored by Sen. Jack Johnson.

<http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/bills/currentga/BILL/SB3176.pdf>

SB 3727— Prohibits buildings in which educational activities are conducted from being treated as schools for fire safety and building code inspection purposes, when the primary purpose of such facilities is not for educational activities.

Introduced Jan. 17, referred to Committee on State and Local Government Jan. 23. Sponsored by Sen. Dewayne Bunch.

<http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/bills/currentga/BILL/SB3727.pdf>

Utah

SB 200—An act to modify the Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Licensing Act by further distinguishing between the practice of professional engineering and the practice of structural engineering; modifying the definition of the practice of structural engineering; restricting professional engineers from practicing in the areas defined for structural engineers. Introduced Feb. 6, referred to Rules Committee. Referred to Business and Labor (BL) Committee Feb. 8. Passed BL Feb. 21. Sponsored by Sen. Fred Fife.

<http://le.utah.gov/~2008/bills/sbillamd/sb0200.htm>

Vermont

HB 822—A bill proposing to require that the continuing education requirements of the Vermont board of architects are consistent with those of the American Institute of Architects. Introduced Feb. 5, referred to Committee on Government Operations. Sponsored by Rep. Jim Masland.

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/2008/bills/intro/H-822.HTM>

Virginia

HB 575— Provides that any person who undertakes work without any valid Virginia contractor's license or certificate when a license or certificate is required shall also be guilty of a violation of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act. Introduced Jan. 8, 2008, referred to Committee on General Laws. Passed committee Feb. 8. Passed House Feb. 12 (98-0), referred to Senate. Referred to General Laws and Technology Committee Feb. 13. Passed committee Feb. 20. Passed Senate Feb. 25 (39-0). Sponsored by Delegate Vivian Watts.

<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?081+ful+HB575+hil>

SB 447—Requires all state-owned buildings that encompass a total of area of over 10,000 square feet to meet the United States Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED) silver certification standard, unless granted an exemption by the Director of the Department of General Services. The provisions of the bill do not apply to construction projects of public school districts. Introduced Jan. 9, referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology. Passed committee Jan. 30 (14-0). Passed Senate Feb. 5 (39-0). Referred to House General Laws Committee Feb. 12. Sponsored by Sen. Chap Peterson.

<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?081+ful+SB447S1+hil>

Washington

HB 2895—An interior design practice act. Introduced Jan. 17, referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor. Sponsored by Rep. Brendan Williams.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/billdocs/2007-08/htm/Bills/House%20Bills/2895.htm>

HB 3223—An interior design practice act. Introduced Jan. 24, referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor. Sponsored by Rep. Brendan Williams.
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/billdocs/2007-08/htm/Bills/House%20Bills/3223.htm>

SB 6606—Requires the licensing of home inspectors. Introduced Jan. 18. Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development Jan. 23. Passed committee Feb. 7. Passed Senate Feb. 15 (39-8-0). Referred to House Committee on Commerce & Labor Feb. 19. Sponsored by Sen. Harriet Spanel.
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/billdocs/2007-08/htm/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6606.htm>

SB 6707— An interior design practice act. Introduced Jan. 17, referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Development. Sponsored by Sen. Ken Jacobsen.
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/billdocs/2007-08/htm/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6707.htm>

SB 6757— Provides that an architect or architectural firm registered in any other jurisdiction recognized by the state board of registration for architects may offer to practice architecture in this state if it is clearly and prominently stated in such an offer that the architect or firm is not registered to practice architecture in the state of Washington and prior to practicing architecture or signing a contract to provide architectural services, the architect or firm must be registered to practice architecture in this state. Introduced Jan. 23, referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development. Passed committee Feb. 7. Sponsored by Sen. Edward Murray.
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/billdocs/2007-08/htm/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6757.htm>

West Virginia

SB 111— An act exempting architectural and other professional and personal services from consumers sales and service tax. Introduced Jan. 9, referred to Finance Committee. Sponsored by Sen. Karen Facemyer.
http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Bill_Text_HTML/2008_SESSIONS/RS/BILLS/sb111%20intr.htm

Wisconsin

AB 69—Adds minimum education requirements for those applying for engineering licenses. Introduced Feb. 13, referred to Committee on Labor and Industry. Passed committee Oct. 18 (6-1), referred to Rules Committee. Passed

Assembly Nov. 6, 2007 (53-44). Referred to Senate Committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs Jan. 17, 2008. Sponsored by Rep. Mark Gottlieb.
<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2007/data/AB-69.pdf>

AB 181—An Act relating to continuing education for architects, landscape architects, professional engineers, designers of engineering systems, and land surveyors. This bill allows the examining board to establish continuing education requirements that a person must satisfy in order to renew his or her credential. Introduced March 19, referred to Committee on Labor and Industry. Passed committee May 31 (9-0), referred to Rules Committee. Passed committee Oct. 30. Passed Assembly Oct. 30. Referred to Senate committee on Labor, Elections and Urban Affairs Nov. 2. Passed committee (3-2) Dec. 4, 2007. Passed Senate (27-5) Jan. 15. **Signed into law by governor Feb. 11.** Sponsored by Rep. Steve Wieckert.
<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2007/data/AB-181.pdf>