

**ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION  
FOR INTERIOR DESIGN  
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**

**CHAPTER 485-X-2  
AUTHORIZATION FOR REGISTRATION**

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**485-X-2-.01      Authorization For Registration.**

Chapter 15C of Title 34, commencing with Section 34-15C-1, Code of Ala. 1975 establishes a registration process for those interior designers who choose to obtain the credentials required to seal and submit construction documents for commercial interior projects in certain spaces of less than 5,000 contiguous square feet within a building of any size which has a total area of 2,500 square feet or more to building officials for review and permitting purposes.

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**485-X-2-.02      Authorization To Submit Construction Documents.**

(1) Notwithstanding provisions of law to the contrary, a registered interior designer with a valid certificate may submit sealed, stamped drawings to any official of this state or any city, town, or county charged with enforcement of laws, ordinances, or regulations related to the construction or alteration of buildings are authorized to accept or approve and issue permits based upon any of the following:

(a) Plans or specifications are prepared by any person registered pursuant to this chapter, provided the plans or specifications are consistent with this chapter.

(b) Plans are not for the erection, enlargement, or alteration of any building upon a farm for the use of the farmer; of any single family residence of any size; or for any type building which has a total area of less than 2,500 square feet, provided the building is not classified as assembly occupancy.

(c) Plans and specifications which such official is not prohibited from accepting pursuant to any other state law on the effective date of August 1, 2010.

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#### 485-X-2-.03      Effects Of This Act.

(1) It shall be lawful for any person who is a registered interior designer pursuant to this act to participate as owners with architects and professional engineers, or both, in partnerships, corporations, professional corporations, professional associations and other business entity relationships. Such participation may include, where applicable, and without limitation, service as an officer, director, shareholder, voting or non-voting, and any other participation allowed under the laws of the State of Alabama.

(2) Nothing in this chapter shall be interpreted to prohibit any person who is not a registered interior designer from conducting any activity not prohibited by any other state law.

(3) Nothing in this chapter shall be interpreted to restrict the practice of interior design or to prohibit any person who is not a registered interior designer from using the terms "design", "interior design", "designer", or "interior designer" in this state.

(4) The board shall be subject to the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act.

(5) The board shall be subject to the Alabama Sunset Law with a termination date of October 1, 2013, and four years thereafter, unless continued pursuant to the Alabama Sunset Law.

(6) All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are repealed, and specifically, Chapter 15A of Title 34, Code of Ala. 1975, formerly repealed by Act 2001-660, and Chapter 15B of Title 34, Code of Ala. 1975, are repealed.

(7) The effective date of this act is August 1, 2010, following its passage and approval by the Governor, or otherwise becoming law.

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