
DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes architects to engage in the incidental practice of engineering under certain circumstances.

Proposed law adds provisions to present law to authorize an architect to engage in the practice of engineering, but only insofar as is necessary for the architect in his practice of architecture as defined in present law (R.S. 37:141(B)(3)).

Proposed law limits an architect's practice of engineering to minor mechanical, electrical, or civil-structural engineering work necessary as long as the work is secondary in scope and magnitude when compared to the architectural portion of the work.

Proposed law limits the maximum allowed occupancy load, size, and value for construction projects in which architects may engage in incidental engineering work for new construction, additions, or renovations to the following:

- (1) For new construction - not more than 49 occupants.
- (2) For additions - not more than 49 occupants and less than 50% of the gross floor area of the existing building.
- (3) For renovations - not more than 49 occupants.
- (4) Construction value - not more than 15% of the total construction value for new construction.

(Adds R.S. 37:701(I))