

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 354

BY REPRESENTATIVE FALCONER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ARCHITECTS: Provides with respect to exemptions from licensure requirements in the practice of architecture

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:155(A)(introductory paragraph) and (B)(introductory
3 paragraph) and to repeal R.S. 37:155(A)(2), relative to architects; to provide with
4 respect to licensing requirements; to provide for exemptions; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 37:155(A)(introductory paragraph) and (B)(introductory paragraph)
8 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §155. Exemptions

10 A. ~~The provisions of this Chapter, except~~ Except as provided in this Section,
11 ~~requiring the provisions of this Chapter which require~~ persons to be registered and
12 licensed and ~~forbidding which forbid~~ the practice of architecture by unlicensed
13 persons shall not apply to:

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15 B. No exempt person ~~under Paragraph (A)(1), (2), or (3)~~ pursuant to
16 Paragraph (A)(1) or (3) of this Section shall do any of the following:

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18 Section 2. R.S. 37:155(A)(2) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes civil engineers from architecture licensing exemptions.

Present law provides that no person shall practice architecture in this state unless he has secured a certificate of registration and license from the board pursuant to present law governing the registration and licensing of architects. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides a list of exemptions from licensure. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the following are exempt from the architecture licensing and registration requirements in present law:

- (1) Officers and employees of the U.S. in the execution of their official duties in the practice of architecture for the federal government.
- (2) Civil engineers licensed pursuant to engineering licensing statutes in present law, if the engineer does not use the designation of "architect".
- (3) Registered architects of other states when associated with a registered and licensed Louisiana architect.
- (4) Designers for single family residences, buildings or projects for personal use, renovations of a certain cost and scale, buildings under certain gross floor area limitations, or certain additions.
- (5) Routine maintenance projects under a certain cost.

Present law prohibits exempt persons from performing certain acts.

Proposed law removes civil engineers from the list of exemptions to the architect licensing and registration law and otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 37:155(A)(intro. para.) and (B)(intro. para.); Repeals R.S. 37:155(A)(2))