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## NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

May 7, 2013

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

California Architects Board  
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## **Agenda**

- A. Call to Order – Roll Call – Establishment of a Quorum
- B. Determination of Need for Special Meeting Pursuant to Government Code Section 11125.4 to Consider Action on: 1) Senate Bill (SB) 308 (Price) and 2) California Supplemental Examination (CSE), Development, Results and Administration
- C. President’s Remarks
- D. Public Comment Session
- E. Discuss and Possible Action on Sunset Review Issues Related to the California Council for Interior Design Certification – SB 308 (Price), Including Building Departments’ Acceptance of Plans From Certified Interior Designers, and the Definition of Certified Interior Designers
- F. Closed Session - Update and Possible Action on CSE Development, Results and Administration [Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(c)(1)]
- G. Adjournment

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## **Agenda Item A**

### **CALL TO ORDER -- ROLL CALL -- ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

Roll is called by the Board Secretary or, in his/her absence, by the Board Vice President or, in his/her absence, by a Board member designated by the Board President.

Business and Professions Code Section 5524 defines a quorum for the Board:

Six of the members of the Board constitute a quorum of the Board for the transaction of business. The concurrence of five members of the Board present at a meeting duly held at which a quorum is present shall be necessary to constitute an act or decision of the Board, except that when all ten members of the Board are present at a meeting duly held, the concurrence of six members shall be necessary to constitute an act or decision of the Board.

### **BOARD MEMBER ROSTER**

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## **Agenda Item B**

### **DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR SPECIAL MEETING PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 11125.4 TO CONSIDER ACTION ON: 1) SENATE BILL (SB) 308 (PRICE) AND 2) CALIFORNIA SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINATION (CSE) DEVELOPMENT, RESULTS AND ADMINISTRATION**

Government Code section 11125.4 specifies the criteria for the Board to hold a special meeting. This section also requires the Board, at the commencement of a special meeting, to make a finding in open session that the delay necessitated by providing notice 10 days prior to a meeting as required by Government Code section 11125 would cause a substantial hardship on the body or that immediate action is required to protect the public interest. The finding shall set forth the specific facts that constitute the hardship to the body or the impending harm to the public interest. The finding must be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Board, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present. The finding must be made available on the Internet. Failure to adopt the finding terminates the meeting.

To consider Agenda Item E on Senate Bill (SB) 308 at this meeting, the Board must make a special finding. SB 308 is the Sunset Review legislation that addresses the California Council for Interior Design Certification. SB 308 will next be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee, as soon as May 13, 2013. In addition, critical stakeholders meetings are being facilitated by staff from the Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee and are currently taking place and are ongoing. The Board must have a position on components of this legislation in order to influence those deliberations and the outcome of the bill. The bill is critically important as it addresses the scope of practice for architects and certified interior designers and represents a significant potential threat to the public health, safety, and welfare.

To consider Agenda Item F regarding the California Supplemental Examination (CSE), the Board must make a special finding. The CSE is one of the requirements for licensure and measures candidates' competency in critical California- specific subject matter (e.g., seismic, accessibility, energy efficiency, legal issues, etc.), as well as content that is not assessed sufficiently on the national examination. The Board must take immediate action regarding a current form (version) of the CSE in order to fulfill its mandate to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

The Board may wish to consider a motion on each of the items above to declare that "immediate action is required to protect the public interest" as stipulated in the Bagley-Keene Act.

## **Agenda Item C**

### **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Board President Sheran Voigt, or in her absence, the Vice President will review the scheduled Board actions and make appropriate announcements.

## **Agenda Item D**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION**

Members of the public may address the Board at this time. The Board President may allow public participation during other agenda items at their discretion.

## **Agenda Item E**

### **DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SUNSET REVIEW ISSUES RELATED TO THE CALIFORNIA COUNCIL FOR INTERIOR DESIGN CERTIFICATION – SB 308 (PRICE), INCLUDING BUILDING DEPARTMENTS’ ACCEPTANCE OF PLANS FROM CERTIFIED INTERIOR DESIGNERS, AND THE DEFINITION OF CERTIFIED INTERIOR DESIGNERS**

The Board briefly discussed the Sunset Review process and issues for the California Council for Interior Design Certification (CCIDC) at its March meeting. CCIDC is the nonprofit organization recognized in the Business and Professions Code that certifies interior designers in California. Staff was asked to specifically agendize the issues to be acted upon. The core issues that the Board needs to address are (three additional related issues are noted on page 3):

- 1) Expanded Definition of Certified Interior Designer (CID); and**
- 2) Mandate for Building Departments to Accept CID Plans.**

In the way of brief background, the initial Sunset Review hearing for CCIDC was held on March 19, 2013. Senate Bill (SB) 308 (Price) is the legislative vehicle for changes to the sunset date and statutes for CCIDC. SB 308 was amended on April 18, 2013 and now includes other items, such as a written contract requirement, open meeting mandate (Bagley-Keene), etc. SB 308 now also includes a proposed modified definition of “certified interior designer” that was referenced in CCIDC’s Sunset Review Report (which was part of the March Board meeting packet). The bill will be heard initially on April 29, 2013, and there will also be ongoing stakeholder meetings, of which the Board will be a key participant, that will shape the bill.

The attached Background Paper, in particular, provides the basis upon which the Board’s actions should be based.



## **1. Expanded Definition of Certified Interior Designer**

Current law defines a CID as:

“ a person who prepares and submits nonstructural or nonseismic plans consistent with Sections 5805 and 5538 to local building departments that are of sufficient complexity so as to require the skills of a licensed contractor to implement them, and who engages in programming, planning, designing, and documenting the construction and installation of nonstructural or nonseismic elements, finishes and furnishings within the interior spaces of a building, and has demonstrated by means of education, experience and examination, the competency to protect and enhance the health, safety, and welfare of the public.”

SB 308 adds to that definition to include:

*“Provides plans and documents that illustrate partition layouts, horizontal exiting, rated corridors, reflected ceiling plans and lighting orientation, location of power and communication outlets, materials, finishes, furniture, interior alterations, fixtures, millwork, appliances, and equipment. Engages in coordination and collaboration with other design professionals who may be retained to provide consulting services, including, but not limited to, architects, engineers, and other specialty consultants.”*

Adding the specificity to the definition as noted above may push the definition beyond what is permissible in current law. For example, “rated corridors” and “reflective ceiling plans” have been noted as key life/safety issues.

The Board may wish to consider a motion to oppose the expansion of the definition beyond the confines of current law (absent evidence that CIDs sufficiently demonstrate competence in those new areas).

## **2. Mandate for Building Departments to Accept CID Plans**

The segment of interior designers that have been repeatedly seeking to create a state license (Interior Design Coalition of California, or IDCC) indicates that their core issue is that CIDs’ plans are not accepted by building departments. (The Board has conducted two surveys in the past that contradict that contention.)

IDCC’s proposed remedy to force building departments to accept CIDs plans is to insert a modified definition of “registered design professional” (a term that is currently defined in the International Building Code, as codified in California in the California Building Code), and insert the amended definition into two places in state law. The California Building Code definition of registered design professional is “architect or engineer,” and IDCC’s proposal would include CIDs in that definition. IDCC has also commissioned a survey that they contend shows that building departments do not accept CIDs’ plans, but the survey’s accuracy is questionable.

Building Officials have conveyed that the proposal noted above will not force them to accept plans. Building Officials are charged with enforcement responsibilities to ensure the safety of the built environment in their community and are granted significant autonomy and authority under the Building Code.

The Board may wish to consider a motion to oppose the IDCC proposal, as noted above, as the validity of the issue of building department acceptance of plans has not been demonstrated.

Other items the Board may wish to consider:

3. Written Contract – SB 308 contains language that is similar to that in the Architects Practice Act and the Board should support it as the written contract requirement has been a valuable consumer protection tool.
4. Public Meetings (Bagley-Keene) – SB 308 mandates that CCIDC follow the Bagley-Keene Act and the Board should support this concept. CCIDC should operate more like a state board since it is recognized in state law.
5. Examinations – There have been discussions about whether CCIDC should utilize the National Council for Interior Design Qualifications examination rather than developing its own exam. Since CCIDC is the entity that administers the examination and is charged protecting the public, CCIDC should determine the appropriate exam. There does not appear to be a need for the Board to take a position on this issue.

Attachments:

1. Background Paper
2. SB 308 (Price)

## **Background Paper on CCIDC Sunset Review**

This document summarizes the interior design issue, as was discussed at our March 7, 2013 Board meeting. The Board was interested in a document that delineated the specific issues under consideration, and such matters can be separately and distinctly noted on a future agenda as necessary.

The California Council for Interior Design Certification (CCIDC) is currently in the midst of the Sunset Review process. CCIDC is the nonprofit organization recognized in the Business and Professions Code (BPC) that certifies interior designers in California.

There have been numerous efforts to seek licensure for interior designers in California. Most recently, AB 2482 (Ma) would have created the Registered Interior Designers Board, but there was tremendous opposition to the bill and it died without being heard in committee. The Board has traditionally supported the certification model as a valuable alternative to licensure that provides consumers with a means of verifying credentials without the expense and intrusiveness of a governmental program. It should be noted that the Legislature has indicated a preference for this model as well. The Board has written to the Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee to convey its support for continuation of CCIDC (attached).

As part of the Sunset Review process, CCIDC listed a set of recommendations in its report to the Legislature. Similarly, the segment of the interior design profession that has been repeatedly seeking licensure (Interior Design Coalition of California, or IDCC) has released a set of recommendations as well. Both of these documents were in our March meeting packet. The Sunset Review Committee (Committee – the sunset review body is now actually a joint meeting of the Assembly Business, Professions, and Consumer Protection Committee; and the Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee) has distilled the suggestions from CCIDC and IDCC into a set of recommendations to be discussed at the hearings (attached). Those recommendations are listed below in boldface print, with Board staff's comments immediately following.

***1) Recommend amending the interior designer law to require a certified interior designer to use a written contract when entering into an agreement with a client for interior design services.***

The Board has found its written contract requirement to be a valuable tool that protects both the consumer and the architect. It makes sense for CCIDC to have a similar provision.

***2) Recommend amendments to include the term "CID" in connection with interior design in the title protection provisions of BPC § 5812.***

This recommendation seems noncontroversial.

***3) Recommend that CCIDC and other stakeholders should seek to find a consensus on this issue (acceptance of plans by building departments) and if appropriate, submit a specific legislative proposal to the Committee.***

This is a complex issue with suggested solutions from both CCIDC and IDCC. CCIDC proposed clarifying the definition of certified interior design to assist building departments in better understanding the services that certified interior designers provide. IDCC's approach is to

insert a definition of “registered design professional” into two places in state law. Additional background on this issue is provided at the end of this document. This issue is highly complex and it is likely that additional discussions and meetings will take place after the Sunset hearings.

***4) The CCIDC should discuss with the Committee the acceptance of the NCIDQ examination as an alternative to the IDEX California for certification of interior designers by CCIDC. Consideration should be given to accepting passage of the NCIDQ as an alternative to the IDEX California to qualify for interior design certification in California.***

The Board should defer to CCIDC on this examination issue, but it may be appropriate for a new assessment of CCIDC’s options as to examinations.

***5) The interior designer law should be amended to require that the meetings of an interior design organization issuing stamps under Section 5801 shall be subject to the rules of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.***

Although CCIDC is a nonprofit organization rather than a governmental agency, it should adhere to similar public participation and “sunshine” standards as licensing boards because it is sanctioned in state law.

***6) Recommend that the certified interior designer law should be continued and be reviewed once again in four years.***

Agree.

***7) Recommend that interior designers in California should continue to be certified by the California Council for Interior Design Certification in order to protect the interests of the public and be reviewed once again in four years.***

Agree.

### **Additional Background on Issue 3 – Acceptance of Plans by Building Departments**

The Committee’s report indicates that staff believes it may be appropriate to clarify the law to address the issue of acceptance of Certified Interior Designer (CID) plans by local building departments. There are two approaches that have been suggested, one by CCIDC and one by IDCC.

#### **CCIDC Proposal Regarding Definition of Certified Interior Design**

CCIDC focuses on the definition of “certified interior designer”. CCIDC has worked closely with California Building Officials (CALBO) for over 15 years to educate and inform the more than 450 building departments of the existence of CIDs. CCIDC has indicated that in discussions with building officials, one key theme has stood out: the need for a clearer description in statute of what CIDs are allowed to do with regard to the exemptions contained within Business and Professions Code section (BPC) 5538 of the Architect’s Practice Act. According to CCIDC, building officials feel that such a clarification would make them more inclined to accept plans beyond the scope of BPC 5538, but still maintain their authority over the permitting process.

To address this concern, CCIDC had recommended amendments to clarify the law to define the scope of work as it relates to the acceptance of plans from CIDs by local building officials. This is accomplished by enumerating in greater detail what CIDs can do. By providing greater specificity in the law, some of the elements may go beyond the intent of what is authorized in BPC 5537 and 5538. AIACC will certainly be commenting on that and the Board may wish to as well. CCIDC’s proposed language is below, followed by BPC 5537 and 5538.

#### **Section 5800 of Certified Interior Designer Act (as proposed to be amended)**

As used in this chapter:

(a) "Certified interior designer" or the initials “CID” as used in this context shall mean *an Occupations Title Standard for a person who meets all of the following requirements:*

~~Prepares and submits non-structural or non-seismic plans and documents consistent with Section 5805 to local building departments that are of sufficient complexity so as to require the skills of a licensed contractor to implement them.~~

*Engages in programming, designing and documenting the construction and installation of non-structural or non-seismic construction elements, finishes, veneers, furnishings and the administration and installation thereof.*

*Provides plans and documents that illustrate partition layouts, horizontal exiting, rated corridors, reflected ceiling plans and lighting orientation, locate power and communication outlets, materials and finishes and furniture, including storefronts, interior alterations, fixtures, millwork, appliances and equipment for all buildings including but not limited to high-rise office and high-rise residential buildings.*

*Engages in coordination and collaboration with other allied design professionals who may be retained to provide consulting services, including but not limited to architects, structural engineers, mechanical, and electrical engineers, and various specialty consultants.*

*Demonstrates, by means of education, experience and examination, the competence to protect and enhance the health, safety and welfare of the public.*

*The certification of interior designers does not prohibit Interior Designer or Interior Decorator services by any person or retail activity.*

**Section 5537 of the Architects Practice Act (current law)**

. (a) This chapter does not prohibit any person from preparing plans, drawings, or specifications for any of the following:

(1) Single-family dwellings of woodframe construction not more than two stories and basement in height.

(2) Multiple dwellings containing no more than four dwelling units of woodframe construction not more than two stories and basement in height. However, this paragraph shall not be construed as allowing an unlicensed person to design multiple clusters of up to four dwelling units each to form apartment or condominium complexes where the total exceeds four units on any lawfully divided lot.

(3) Garages or other structures appurtenant to buildings described under subdivision (a), of woodframe construction not more than two stories and basement in height.

(4) Agricultural and ranch buildings of woodframe construction, unless the building official having jurisdiction deems that an undue risk to the public health, safety, or welfare is involved.

(b) If any portion of any structure exempted by this section deviates from substantial compliance with conventional framing requirements for woodframe construction found in the most recent edition of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations or tables of limitation for woodframe construction, as defined by the applicable building code duly adopted by the local jurisdiction or the state, the building official having jurisdiction shall require the preparation of plans, drawings, specifications, or calculations for that portion by, or under the responsible control of, a licensed architect or registered engineer. The documents for that portion shall bear the stamp and signature of the licensee who is responsible for their preparation. Substantial compliance for purposes of this section is not intended to restrict the ability of the building officials to approve plans pursuant to existing law and is only intended to clarify the intent of Chapter 405 of the Statutes of 1985.

**Section 5538 of the Architects Practice Act (current law)**

This chapter does not prohibit any person from furnishing either alone or with contractors, if required by Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 7000) of Division 3, labor and materials,

with or without plans, drawings, specifications, instruments of service, or other data covering such labor and materials to be used for any of the following:

(a) For nonstructural or nonseismic storefronts, interior alterations or additions, fixtures, cabinetwork, furniture, or other appliances or equipment.

(b) For any nonstructural or nonseismic work necessary to provide for their installation.

(c) For any nonstructural or nonseismic alterations or additions to any building necessary to or attendant upon the installation of those storefronts, interior alterations or additions, fixtures, cabinetwork, furniture, appliances, or equipment, provided those alterations do not change or affect the structural system or safety of the building.

### IDCC Proposal Regarding Definition of Registered Design Professionals

IDCC's approach is proposed amendments to the BPC and the Health and Safety Code to insert a definition of "registered design professional" that includes architects, engineers, and certified interior designers. The term "registered design professional" originates from the International Building Code, as incorporated into the California Building Code. IDCC's concern is that local building departments in California might refuse to accept designs from an interior designer who was "certified" rather than "registered." IDCC's proposal is noted below.

IDCC proposes adding a new short, concise amendment to the Business and Professions Code that expressly states that a CID is a "registered design professional" as the term is used in the International Building Code and as that code is adopted by California and local building departments.

Section 5800.1 is added to state

*"An interior designer certified under this section is a 'registered design professional' as contemplated by the International Code and adopted by this State by way of Health and Safety Code section 18901, et seq."*

IDCC also proposes adding a section to Health and Safety Code Section 18938 to expressly state that a CID is a registered design professional under the IBC in California.

Section 18938(b) (1) is added to state

*"For purposes of this section and section 5800, et seq. of the Business and Professions Code, a "registered design professional" shall include, but is not limited to, architects licensed by the State of California, engineers licensed by the State of California, and interior designers certified pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 5800, et seq."*

The Committee's report astutely points out that there are provisions of law allowing CIDs to prepare and submit plans to local building departments for permitting purposes. Perhaps that language could be strengthened as an alternative to both the CCIDC and IDCC proposals.

## **Section 5805 of Certified Interior Designer Act (current law)**

Nothing in this chapter shall preclude certified interior designers or any other person from submitting interior design plans to local building officials, except as provided in Section 5538. In exercising discretion with respect to the acceptance of interior design plans, the local building official shall reference the California Building Standards Code.

However, this law does not require a local building official to accept plans from a certified interior designer or from any other person regardless of whether the person has a license, registration, or certification in the design profession. Building departments are the last line of defense in the built environment and building officials exercise their judgment based upon the type of project and nature of the submittals.

It should be noted that this proposal regarding the definition of registered design professional does not appear to resolve anything without the CCIDC proposal on the definition of Certified Interior Design.

An objective approach to assessing these issues would be for the Department of Consumer Affairs to convene a working group consisting of the State Architect, State Fire Marshal, Seismic Safety Commission, Building Standards Commission, etc. to analyze the need for revisions to current law and the appropriateness of possible solutions given the knowledge, skills, and abilities of CIDs based upon the certification examination, as well as the life-safety and local authority issues associated with the changes.

Board staff will report back on the initial discussions on this issue so a course of action can be developed.



AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 18, 2013

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 308**

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**Introduced by Senator Price**  
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Gordon)

February 15, 2013

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An act to amend Sections 5800, 5810, 5812, 7200, ~~and 7303~~ 7215.6, 7303, and 7362 of, and to add Sections 5806, 5807, and 5811.1 to, the Business and Professions Code, relating to professions and vocations.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 308, as amended, Price. Professions and vocations.

~~Existing~~

(1) ~~Existing~~ law authorizes a certified interior designer, as defined, to obtain a stamp from an interior design organization, as defined, that uniquely identifies the designer and certifies that he or she meets certain qualifications and requires the use of that stamp on all drawings and documents submitted to any governmental agency by the designer. ~~Existing law makes it an unfair business practice for any certified interior designer or any other person to represent that he or she is state certified to practice interior design.~~ Existing law provides that these provisions are repealed on January 1, 2014, and shall be subject to review by the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions, and Consumer Protection, which has been abolished.

This bill would instead repeal those provisions on January 1, 2018, and would make them subject to review by the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature. *The bill would include in the definition of a certified interior designer that a certified interior designer provides plans and documents that illustrate specified things and engages in*

*coordination and collaboration with other design professionals, as specified.*

*The bill would require a certified interior designer to use a written contract that includes specified information when contracting to provide interior design services to a client pursuant to these provisions and require that nothing in these provisions prohibit interior design or interior decorator services by any person or retail activity.*

*The bill would require all meetings of an interior design organization to be subject to the open meeting requirements applicable to state agencies.*

**Existing**

(2) *Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of various businesses and professions by boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs, including the State Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind. Existing law requires that the board consist of certain members. Existing law establishes a pilot project to provide an arbitration procedure for the purpose of resolving disputes between a guide dog user and a licensed guide dog school, as specified. Existing law repeals these provisions on January 1, 2014.*

*This bill would extend the operation of these provisions until January 1, 2018.*

**Existing**

(3) *Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of barbering and cosmetology by the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology and authorizes the board to appoint an executive officer. Under existing law, these provisions are repealed on January 1, 2014.*

*This bill would instead repeal these provisions on January 1, 2018, and specify that the board would be subject to review by the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature upon repeal.*

*Existing law provides that a board-approved school of barbering and cosmetology is one that is licensed by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education or a public school in the state, and offers a course of instruction approved by the board.*

*This bill would require a school to be approved by the board before it is approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education and authorize both entities to simultaneously process a school's application for approval. The bill would also authorize the board to revoke, suspend, or deny its approval of a school on specified grounds.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     *SECTION 1. Section 5800 of the Business and Professions*  
2     *Code is amended to read:*

3     5800. As used in this chapter:

4     (a) “Certified interior designer” means a person who ~~prepares~~  
5     *meets all of the following requirements:*

6     (1) *Prepares and submits nonstructural or nonseismic plans*  
7     *and documents consistent with Sections 5805 and 5538 to local*  
8     *building departments that are of sufficient complexity so as to*  
9     *require the skills of a licensed contractor to implement them, and*  
10    ~~*who engages them.*~~

11    (2) *Engages in programming, planning, designing, and*  
12    *documenting the construction and installation of nonstructural or*  
13    *nonseismic elements, finishes, veneers, and furnishings within the*  
14    *interior spaces of a building, and has building.*

15    (3) *Provides plans and documents that illustrate partition*  
16    *layouts, horizontal exiting, rated corridors, reflected ceiling plans*  
17    *and lighting orientation, location of power and communication*  
18    *outlets, materials, finishes, furniture, interior alterations, fixtures,*  
19    *millwork, appliances, and equipment.*

20    (4) *Engages in coordination and collaboration with other design*  
21    *professionals who may be retained to provide consulting services,*  
22    *including, but not limited to, architects, engineers, and other*  
23    *specialty consultants.*

24    (5) *Has demonstrated by means of education, experience and*  
25    *examination, the competency to protect and enhance the health,*  
26    *safety, and welfare of the public.*

27    (b) An “interior design organization” means a nonprofit  
28    organization, exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of  
29    Title 26 of the United States Code, of certified interior designers  
30    whose governing board shall include representatives of the public,  
31    except that an organization that is not currently exempt under that  
32    section that submits an application to the Internal Revenue Service  
33    requesting an exemption under that section shall be eligible to be  
34    an interior design organization if it meets the requirements under  
35    that section within a reasonable period of time.

36    *SEC. 2. Section 5806 is added to the Business and Professions*  
37    *Code, to read:*

1 5806. *Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit interior design or*  
2 *interior decorator services by any person or retail activity.*  
3 *SEC. 3. Section 5807 is added to the Business and Professions*  
4 *Code, to read:*  
5 5807. (a) *A certified interior designer shall use a written*  
6 *contract when contracting to provide interior design services to*  
7 *a client pursuant to this chapter. The written contract shall be*  
8 *executed by the certified interior designer and the client, or his or*  
9 *her representative, prior to the certified interior designer*  
10 *commencing work. The written contract shall include, but not be*  
11 *limited to, all of the following:*  
12 (1) *A description of the services to be provided to the client by*  
13 *the certified interior designer.*  
14 (2) *A description of any basis of compensation applicable to*  
15 *the contract and the method of payment agreed upon by the parties.*  
16 (3) *The name, address, and certification number of the certified*  
17 *interior designer and the name and address of the client.*  
18 (4) *A description of the procedure that the certified interior*  
19 *designer and the client will use to accommodate additional*  
20 *services.*  
21 (5) *A description of the procedure to be used by any party to*  
22 *terminate the contract.*  
23 (6) *A three-day rescission clause in accordance with Chapter*  
24 *2 (commencing with Section 1688) of Title 5 of Part 2 of Division*  
25 *3 of the Civil Code.*  
26 (7) *A written disclosure stating whether the certified interior*  
27 *designer carries errors and omissions insurance.*  
28 (b) *Subdivision (a) shall not apply to any of the following:*  
29 (1) *Interior design services rendered by a certified interior*  
30 *designer for which the client will not pay compensation.*  
31 (2) *Interior design services rendered by a certified interior*  
32 *designer to any of the following:*  
33 (A) *An architect licensed under Chapter 3 (commencing with*  
34 *Section 5500).*  
35 (B) *A landscape architect licensed under Chapter 3.5*  
36 *(commencing with Section 5615).*  
37 (C) *An engineer licensed under Chapter 7 (commencing with*  
38 *Section 6700).*  
39 (c) *As used in this section, “written contract” includes a*  
40 *contract in electronic form.*

1 SECTION 4.

2 SEC. 4. Section 5810 of the Business and Professions Code is  
3 amended to read:

4 5810. (a) This chapter shall be subject to review by the  
5 appropriate policy committees of the Legislature.

6 (b) This chapter shall remain in effect only until January 1,  
7 2018, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,  
8 that is enacted before January 1, 2018, deletes or extends that date.

9 SEC. 5. *Section 5811.1 is added to the Business and Professions  
10 Code, to read:*

11 5811.1. *The meetings of an interior design organization issuing  
12 stamps under Section 5801 shall be subject to the rules of the  
13 Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with  
14 Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of  
15 the Government Code).*

16 SEC. 6. *Section 5812 of the Business and Professions Code is  
17 amended to read:*

18 5812. It is an unfair business practice for any person to  
19 represent ~~themselves as a~~ or hold himself or herself out as, or to  
20 use the title “certified interior designer” ~~unless they comply with  
21 the requirements of this chapter.~~ or any other term, such as  
22 “licensed,” “registered,” or “CID,” that implies or suggests that  
23 the person is certified as an interior designer when he or she does  
24 not hold a valid certification as provided in Sections 5800 and  
25 5801.

26 SEC. 2.

27 SEC. 7. Section 7200 of the Business and Professions Code is  
28 amended to read:

29 7200. (a) There is in the Department of Consumer Affairs a  
30 State Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind in whom enforcement of  
31 this chapter is vested. The board shall consist of seven members  
32 appointed by the Governor. One member shall be the Director of  
33 Rehabilitation or his or her designated representative. The  
34 remaining members shall be persons who have shown a particular  
35 interest in dealing with the problems of the blind, and at least two  
36 of them shall be blind persons who use guide dogs.

37 (b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2018,  
38 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that  
39 is enacted before January 1, 2018, deletes or extends that date.  
40 Notwithstanding any other law, the repeal of this section renders

1 the board subject to review by the appropriate policy committees  
2 of the Legislature.

3 *SEC. 8. Section 7215.6 of the Business and Professions Code*  
4 *is amended to read:*

5 7215.6. (a) In order to provide a procedure for the resolution  
6 of disputes between guide dog users and guide dog schools relating  
7 to the continued physical custody and use of a guide dog, in all  
8 cases except those in which the dog user is the unconditional legal  
9 owner of the dog, the following arbitration procedure shall be  
10 established as a pilot project.

11 (b) This procedure establishes an arbitration panel for the  
12 settlement of disputes between a guide dog user and a licensed  
13 guide dog school regarding the continued use of a guide dog by  
14 the user in all cases except those in which the dog user is the  
15 unconditional legal owner of the dog. The disputes that may be  
16 subject to this procedure concern differences between the user and  
17 school over whether or not a guide dog should continue to be used,  
18 differences between the user and school regarding the treatment  
19 of a dog by the user, and differences over whether or not a user  
20 should continue to have custody of a dog pending investigation of  
21 charges of abuse. It specifically does not address issues such as  
22 admissions to schools, training practices, or other issues relating  
23 to school standards. The board and its representative are not parties  
24 to any dispute described in this section.

25 (c) The licensed guide dog schools in California and the board  
26 shall provide to guide dog users graduating from guide dog  
27 programs in these schools a new avenue for the resolution of  
28 disputes that involve continued use of a guide dog, or the actual  
29 physical custody of a guide dog. Guide dog users who are  
30 dissatisfied with decisions of schools regarding continued use of  
31 guide dogs may appeal to the board to convene an arbitration panel  
32 composed of all of the following:

- 33 (1) One person designated by the guide dog user.  
34 (2) One person designated by the licensed guide dog school.  
35 (3) A representative of the board who shall coordinate the  
36 activities of the panel and serve as chair.

37 (d) If the guide dog user or guide dog school wishes to utilize  
38 the arbitration panel, this must be stated in writing to the board.  
39 The findings and decision of the arbitration panel shall be final  
40 and binding. By voluntarily agreeing to having a dispute resolved

1 by the arbitration panel and subject to its procedures, each party  
2 to the dispute shall waive any right for subsequent judicial review.

3 (e) (1) A licensed guide dog school that fails to comply with  
4 any provision of this section shall automatically be subject to a  
5 penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per day for each day  
6 in which a violation occurs. The penalty shall be paid to the board.  
7 The license of a guide dog school shall not be renewed until all  
8 penalties have been paid.

9 ~~The fine~~

10 (2) ~~The penalty~~ shall be assessed without advance hearing, but  
11 the licensee may apply to the board for a hearing on the issue of  
12 whether the ~~fine penalty~~ should be modified or set aside. This  
13 application shall be in writing and shall be received by the board  
14 within 30 days after service of notice of the ~~fine penalty~~. Upon  
15 receipt of this written request, the board shall set the matter for  
16 hearing within 60 days.

17 (f) As a general rule, custody of the guide dog shall remain with  
18 the guide dog user pending a resolution by the arbitration panel.  
19 In circumstances where the immediate health and safety of the  
20 guide dog user or guide dog is threatened, the licensed school may  
21 take custody of the dog at once. However, if the dog is removed  
22 from the user's custody without the user's concurrence, the school  
23 shall provide to the board the evidence that caused this action to  
24 be taken at once and without fail; and within five calendar days a  
25 special committee of two members of the board shall make a  
26 determination regarding custody of the dog pending hearing by  
27 the arbitration panel.

28 (g) (1) The arbitration panel shall decide the best means to  
29 determine final resolution in each case. This shall include, but is  
30 not limited to, a hearing of the matter before the arbitration panel  
31 at the request of either party to the dispute, an opportunity for each  
32 party in the dispute to make presentations before the arbitration  
33 panel, examination of the written record, or any other inquiry as  
34 will best reveal the facts of the disputes. In any case, the panel  
35 shall make its findings and complete its examination within 45  
36 calendar days of the date of filing the request for arbitration, and  
37 a decision shall be rendered within 10 calendar days of the  
38 examination.

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1 (2) All hearings shall be held at sites convenient to the parties  
2 and with a view to minimizing costs. Each party to the arbitration  
3 shall bear its own costs, except that the arbitration panel, by  
4 unanimous agreement, may modify this arrangement.

5 (h) The board may study the effectiveness of the arbitration  
6 panel pilot project in expediting resolution and reducing conflict  
7 in disputes between guide dog users and guide dog schools and  
8 may share its findings with the Legislature upon request.

9 (i) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, ~~2014,~~  
10 ~~2018~~, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,  
11 that is enacted before January 1, ~~2014,~~ ~~2018~~, deletes or extends  
12 that date.

13 ~~SEC. 3.~~

14 *SEC. 9.* Section 7303 of the Business and Professions Code is  
15 amended to read:

16 7303. (a) Notwithstanding Article 8 (commencing with Section  
17 9148) of Chapter 1.5 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 2 of the  
18 Government Code, there is in the Department of Consumer Affairs  
19 the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology in which the  
20 administration of this chapter is vested.

21 (b) The board shall consist of nine members. Five members  
22 shall be public members, and four members shall represent the  
23 professions. The Governor shall appoint three of the public  
24 members and the four professional members. The Senate  
25 Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly shall each  
26 appoint one public member. Members of the board shall be  
27 appointed for a term of four years, except that of the members  
28 appointed by the Governor, two of the public members and two  
29 of the professions members shall be appointed for an initial term  
30 of two years. No board member may serve longer than two  
31 consecutive terms.

32 (c) The board may appoint an executive officer who is exempt  
33 from civil service. The executive officer shall exercise the powers  
34 and perform the duties delegated by the board and vested in him  
35 or her by this chapter. The appointment of the executive officer is  
36 subject to the approval of the director. In the event that a newly  
37 authorized board replaces an existing or previous bureau, the  
38 director may appoint an interim executive officer for the board  
39 who shall serve temporarily until the new board appoints a  
40 permanent executive officer.



1 (d) The executive officer shall provide examiners, inspectors,  
2 and other personnel necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
3 chapter.

4 (e) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2018,  
5 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that  
6 is enacted before January 1, 2018, deletes or extends that date.  
7 Notwithstanding any other law, the repeal of this section renders  
8 the board subject to review by the appropriate policy committees  
9 of the Legislature.

10 *SEC. 10. Section 7362 of the Business and Professions Code*  
11 *is amended to read:*

12 7362. (a) A school approved by the board is one ~~which that~~  
13 ~~is licensed~~ *first approved by the board and subsequently approved*  
14 *by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education,*  
15 *Education or is a public school in this state, and provides a course*  
16 *of instruction approved by the board. However, notwithstanding*  
17 *any other law, both the board and the Bureau for Private*  
18 *Postsecondary Education may simultaneously process a school's*  
19 *application for approval.*

20 (b) The board shall determine by regulation the required subjects  
21 of instruction to be completed in all approved courses, including  
22 the minimum hours of technical instruction and minimum number  
23 of practical operations for each subject, and shall determine how  
24 much training is required before a student may begin performing  
25 services on paying patrons.

26 (c) *Notwithstanding any other law, the board may revoke,*  
27 *suspend, or deny at any time approval of a school on any of the*  
28 *following grounds:*

29 (1) *Unprofessional conduct which includes, but is not limited*  
30 *to, any of the following:*

31 (A) *Incompetence or gross negligence, including failure to*  
32 *comply with generally accepted standards for the practice of*  
33 *barbering, cosmetology, or electrology, or disregard for the health*  
34 *and safety of patrons.*

35 (B) *Repeated similar negligent acts.*

36 (C) *Conviction of any crime substantially related to the*  
37 *qualifications, functions, or duties of the owner of an approved*  
38 *school, in which case, the records of conviction or a certified copy*  
39 *thereof shall be conclusive evidence of the conviction.*

- 1     (D) Advertising by means of knowingly false or deceptive
- 2     statements.
- 3     (2) Failure to comply with the requirements of this chapter.
- 4     (3) Failure to comply with the rules governing health and safety
- 5     adopted by the board and approved by the State Department of
- 6     Public Health, for the regulation of board-approved schools.
- 7     (4) Failure to comply with the rules adopted by the board for
- 8     the regulation of establishments, or any practice licensed and
- 9     regulated under this chapter.
- 10    (5) Continued practice by a person knowingly having an
- 11    infectious or contagious disease.
- 12    (6) Habitual drunkenness, or habitual use of or addiction to the
- 13    use of any controlled substance.
- 14    (7) Obtaining or attempting to obtain practice in any occupation
- 15    licensed and regulated under this chapter, or money, or
- 16    compensation in any form, by fraudulent misrepresentation.
- 17    (8) Failure to display the license or health and safety rules and
- 18    regulations in a conspicuous place.
- 19    (9) Refusal to permit or interference with an inspection
- 20    authorized under this chapter.
- 21    (10) Any action or conduct that would have warranted the denial
- 22    of a school approval.

**Agenda Item F**

**CLOSED SESSION - UPDATE AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CSE DEVELOPMENT,  
RESULTS AND ADMINISTRATION [CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT  
CODE SECTION 11126(c)(1)]**

**Agenda Item G**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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