

CHAPTER 422

(Senate Bill 1008)

AN ACT concerning

Architects - Architectural Partnerships

FOR the purpose of clarifying existing requirements for architectural partnerships by requiring that architectural limited partnerships have two-thirds of the "general" partners registered or licensed under the laws of any state to practice any one of the design professions -- architecture, engineering, or landscape architecture.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 56 - Licenses

Section 470

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1983 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 56 - Licenses

470.

(a) A corporation or partnership, as such, may not be licensed or registered to practice architecture. The use of any form of the title "architect" in connection with the corporate or partnership name shall be approved by the Board.

(b) The right to engage in the practice of architecture is a personal right, based upon the qualifications of the individual evidenced by his registration certificate and is not transferable. All final drawings, specifications, plans, reports, or other papers or documents involving the practice of architecture, as defined in § 464 of this subtitle, when issued, or filed for public record, shall be dated, and bear the signature and seal of the architect or architects who prepared or approved them.

(c) Nothing in subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall be construed to prevent the formation of partnerships and corporations as a vehicle for the practice of architecture subject to the following conditions:

(1) The practice of or offer to practice architecture for others as defined in § 464 of this subtitle by individual architects registered under this subtitle through a corporation