

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

Senate Bill No. 547

AN ACT concerning

Architects – Signing and Sealing Documents

FOR the purpose of requiring certain documents to be signed and sealed by a licensed architect; clarifying certain language; and providing that certain services do not require an architect's seal.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 3-103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1989 Volume and 1993 Supplement)

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

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

3-103.

(A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, ALL ARCHITECTURAL DOCUMENTS PREPARED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ALTERATION, CONSTRUCTION, OR DESIGN, CHANGE OF USE OR REPAIR OF A BUILDING INTENDED FOR PUBLIC USE SHALL BE SIGNED AND SEALED BY A LICENSED ARCHITECT.

[(a)](B) This title does not require a person to employ a licensed architect in connection with any alteration, construction, design, or repair of a building or other structure that:

- (1) is for the personal use of the person or a member of the immediate family of that person; and
- (2) is not intended for any use, including assembly, employment, or occupancy, by the public.

[(b)](C) This title does not limit the right of:

- (1) an individual to perform architectural services that are incidental to practicing engineering and are not in conflict with the basic definition of practicing architecture, if the individual is licensed or otherwise authorized under Title 14 of this article to practice engineering;