

~~prohibiting a public authority from accepting any interior design documents that are not endorsed with a seal, signature, and the date; requiring certified interior designers to obtain a seal; requiring the State Board to design the seal; requiring the seal to include certain information; and generally relating to a seal for certified interior designers.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

Section 8-310

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

Section 8-403 and 8-404

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 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**

8-310.

(a) (1) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 8-312 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a certificate to any applicant, reprimand any certificate holder, or suspend or revoke a certificate if the applicant or certificate holder:

(i) fraudulently or deceptively obtains or renews or attempts to obtain or renew a certificate for the applicant or certificate holder or for another;

(ii) fraudulently or deceptively uses the title “certified interior designer” or the term “certified interior design services”;

(iii) under the laws of the United States or of any state, is convicted of:

1. a felony; or

2. a misdemeanor that is directly related to the fitness and qualification of the applicant or certificate holder to perform certified interior design services;

(iv) is guilty of any fraud, gross negligence, incompetence, or misconduct in the use of the title “certified interior designer” or the term “certified interior design services”;

(v) SIGNS OR SEALS ANY INTERIOR DESIGN DOCUMENTS AFTER A CERTIFICATE HOLDER'S CERTIFICATE EXPIRES OR HAS BEEN SUSPENDED OR REVOKED BY THE BOARD;