

Did You Know...

The proposed Interior Design Consumer Protection Act includes a "Grandfather Clause"? Our intention is not to put anyone out of work, nor cause anyone to lose business. The Grandfather Clause allows those experienced designers who may not qualify under the conditions of legislation to continue operating their business as usual. It provides those designers an alternate means of registering with the state.

"Grandfathering" is at times a no win situation. If the grandfather clause is weak, allowing unqualified designers to practice interior design in public settings, then our opponents question our commitment to health, safety and welfare. If our grandfather clause is too restrictive, we are accused of trying to put designers out of business. The South Carolina grandfather clause strives to strike a balance by preserving our commitment to health, safety & welfare while allowing as many experienced designers as possible to register with the state and continue their practice of interior design.

After studying Interior Design Legislation from other states and architectural legislation in South Carolina, the following language from the proposed South Carolina bill applies to designers who are currently practicing interior design, but have neither passed the NCIDQ Exam nor possess the required education:

From Section 40-85-250

In lieu of the requirement for an accredited baccalaureate degree, diploma or certificate from a program with a minimum number of credit hours in Interior Design coursework, the regulatory Board may register applicants who provide documented proof of diversified experience in the practice of Interior Design for ten years or more, including:

- (1) having successfully passed Section One of the NCIDQ or its successor section; or*
- (2) Documentation of 3 or more completed interior design projects; and*
- (3) At least 3 letters of reference from an NCIDQ Registered Designer, a Licensed Architect, or interior design client attesting to the successful practice and implementation of interior design by the applicant.*

The grandfathering period will begin upon enactment of the bill and continue for 2 years. Should you have any questions regarding the purpose or provisions of the grandfather clause, please contact us at grassroots@cidl.org.

Festival of Wreath...



Check out the SCIDC wreath, "Christmas in the Country", at the ASID annual Festival of Wreaths Thursday December 10th at Charleston Place.

Many thanks to Jane Jilich, our featured designer this year!

Join Us...

Please join us for our annual Barnes & Noble gift wrap fundraiser!

- Charleston** - Wed & Thurs. 12/9-10 from 4-10pm
TowneCenter in Mt. Pleasant
- Columbia**- Saturday 12/19 Time TBD
Harbison Drive Location

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! EMAIL US TODAY!

Comments / Questions
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