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An Act to Amend Chapter 6 of the Acts of 2003, the Interior Designers Act

CHAPTER 18
ACTS OF 2011

**AS ASSENTED TO BY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE PROVINCE
MAY 19, 2011**

The Honourable Ross Landry
Minister of Justice

*Halifax, Nova Scotia
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of the Acts of 2003,
the Interior Designers Act**

Be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

1 (1) Section 3 of Chapter 6 of the Acts of 2003, the *Interior Designers Act*, is amended by adding immediately after subsection (1) the following subsection:

(1A) In subsection (2), unless the context otherwise requires,

(a) "assembly occupancy" means the occupancy or the use of a building, or part thereof, by a gathering of persons for civic, political, travel, religious, social, educational, recreational or like purposes, or for the consumption of food or drink;

(b) "building area" means the greatest horizontal area of a building above grade within the outside surface of exterior walls or within the outside surface of exterior walls and the centre line of firewalls;

(c) "building height" in storeys, means the number of storeys contained between the roof and the floor of the first storey;

(d) "business and personal services occupancy" means the occupancy or use of a building, or part thereof, for the transaction of business or the rendering or receiving of professional or personal services;

(e) "high hazard industrial occupancy" means an industrial occupancy containing sufficient quantities of highly combustible and flammable or explosive materials that, because of their inherent characteristics, constitute a special fire hazard;

(f) "low hazard industrial occupancy" means an industrial occupancy in which the combustible content is not more than 50 kilograms per square metre or 1,200 megajoules per square metre of floor area;

(g) "medium hazard industrial occupancy" means an industrial occupancy in which the combustible content is more than 50 kilograms per square metre or 1,200 megajoules per square metre of floor area and not classified as high hazard industrial occupancy;

(h) "mercantile occupancy" means the occupancy or use of a building, or part thereof, for the displaying or selling of retail goods, wares or merchandise;

(i) "residential occupancy" means the occupancy or use of a building, or part thereof, by persons for whom sleeping accommodation is provided but who are not harboured or detained to receive medical care or treatment or are not involuntarily detained.

(2) Clause 3(2)(e) of Chapter 6 is repealed and the following clause substituted:

(e) the practice of interior design by persons other than members of the Association in the Registered Class or in the Non-resident Registered Class in connection with a building as constructed, enlarged or altered, and used for one or more of the following occupancies, unless a member of the Association in the Registered Class or in the Non-resident Registered Class is otherwise required by law or by the building authority having jurisdiction over the project:

- (i) a one-dwelling or two-dwelling unit,
- (ii) of three storeys or less in building height, having a building area not exceeding 450 square metres classified as
 - (A) residential occupancy,
 - (B) business and personal services occupancy,
 - (C) mercantile occupancy, or
 - (D) low and medium hazard industrial occupancy,
- (iii) an assembly occupancy of not more than one storey in building height, having a building area of not more than 200 square metres, or
- (iv) a high hazard industrial occupancy of not more than one storey in building height, having a building area of not more than 200 square metres;

2 This Act comes into force on such day as the Governor in Council orders and declares by proclamation.
