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To: Business and  
Financial  
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SENATE BILL NO. 2279  
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-1-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REVISE THE EXAMINATION AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF  
3 NONRESIDENT ARCHITECTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 SECTION 1. Section 73-1-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 73-1-21. Any architect residing outside this state may  
8 obtain a certificate to practice in the State of Mississippi by  
9 complying with Section 73-1-13, and by paying the fees prescribed  
10 by the rules of the board; provided, however, no such nonresident  
11 applicant shall receive a certificate to practice in this state  
12 unless the applicant furnishes evidence satisfactory to the board  
13 that the applicant holds a current and valid registration issued  
14 by a registration authority recognized by the board, holds a  
15 National Council of Architectural Registration Board's  
16 certificate, has never been restrained from practicing  
17 architecture, and has never had a certificate or license revoked.  
18 Each nonresident applicant shall submit, as a part of the  
19 application, a sworn affidavit stating that neither such applicant  
20 nor any person in, or agent of, the applicant's firm has  
21 practiced \* \* \* architectural work in this state prior to the  
22 applicant having been licensed by the board unless such person or  
23 agent holds a license to practice architecture in this state.  
24 Failure to submit this affidavit is just cause for disapproval of  
25 the application. Every applicant for reciprocity registration  
26 shall comply fully with the requirements for resident applicants,

27 except that nonresident applicants who met the requirements for  
28 issuance of a certificate of registration by the board prior to  
29 January 1, 1987, and who, on that date, held a current and valid  
30 registration by a registration authority recognized by the board  
31 or were qualified exam candidates in another jurisdiction  
32 recognized by the board. The board shall have the further right  
33 to exercise its discretion as to whether such nonresident  
34 architect shall be issued such certificate to practice.

35 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
36 and after July 1, 2000.