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To: Business and
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SENATE BILL NO. 2279
(As Sent to Governor)

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 or is practicing * * * architectural work in this state
22 prior to the applicant having been licensed by the board unless
23 such person or agent holds a license to practice architecture in
24 this state. Failure to submit this affidavit is just cause for
25 disapproval of the application. Every applicant for reciprocity
26 registration shall comply fully with the requirements for resident

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

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