

By: Representative Creekmore IV

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 690

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-1-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE THE MISSISSIPPI ARCHITECT LICENSING LAWS TO AUTHORIZE
3 MULTI-DISCIPLINARY FIRMS TO INCLUDE ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE
4 ARCHITECTS AND/OR ENGINEERS AS LONG AS ONE ACTIVE MEMBER OR
5 STOCKHOLDER HOLDS A CERTIFICATE TO PRACTICE ARCHITECTURE IN THE
6 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-1-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 73-1-19. In the case of a copartnership of architects, or
11 architects, landscape architects and/or engineers, or a
12 professional corporation, or professional limited liability
13 company, either foreign or domestic, each active member or
14 stockholder, and each officer, director or manager, must hold a
15 certificate to practice architecture, landscape architecture or
16 engineering in that member's state of residence; and, in the case
17 of a foreign corporation or professional limited liability company
18 doing business in this state, at least one (1) active member or
19 stockholder must hold a certificate to practice architecture in
20 this state. No stock company, corporation, professional



21 corporation or professional limited liability company shall be
22 entitled to a certificate to practice architecture. No company
23 other than a professional corporation or a professional limited
24 liability company shall advertise or otherwise hold itself out to
25 be an architect or to be authorized to practice architecture in
26 this state.

27 Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as prohibiting a
28 joint enterprise, partnership, professional corporation,
29 professional limited liability company or association between one
30 (1) or several registered professional engineers, registered
31 landscape architects and/or duly registered architects; and it
32 shall be lawful for such partnership, joint enterprise,
33 professional corporation, professional limited liability company
34 or association to use in its title the words * * * "architects",
35 "landscape architects" or "engineers"; provided, however, that all
36 announcements, cards, stationery, printed matter and listings of
37 such partnership, joint enterprise, professional corporation,
38 professional limited liability company or association shall
39 indicate as to each member whether he be a registered architect,
40 registered landscape architect or a registered engineer; provided,
41 further, that the name of such partnership, professional
42 corporation, professional limited liability company or association
43 shall contain the name of at least one (1) person who is
44 registered as an architect in this state and that no such person
45 be named on any announcement, card, stationery, printed matter or



46 listing of such partnership, professional corporation,
47 professional limited liability company or association used in this
48 state unless there is designated thereon whether or not such
49 person is licensed in this state. Employees of a firm who are not
50 registered as architects, landscape architects or engineers in the
51 case of a joint enterprise, partnership, professional corporation,
52 professional limited liability company or association between
53 architects, landscape architects and/or engineers, may use
54 business cards for that firm if the job title of such individual
55 is clearly stated.

56 Each person holding a certificate to practice architecture in
57 this state shall post such certificate in a prominent place in the
58 architect's place of business. Failure to post the certificate
59 shall be sufficient cause for revocation of such certificate.

60 The following persons and practices shall be exempted from
61 the provisions of this chapter:

62 Draftsmen, students, clerks-of-work and other employees of
63 those lawfully practicing as registered architects under the
64 provisions of this chapter acting under the instruction, control
65 or supervision of their employers.

66 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
67 and after July 1, 2022.

