

By: Representative Creekmore IV

To: Business and Commerce

HOUSE BILL NO. 981

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, 2024.

