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Alabama	Registered interior designer. An interior design professional, as defined by the NCIDQ, who is approved and registered by the board and the Secretary of State.	Ala. Code § 34-15C- 3(3) (2012).	<u>Westlaw.com</u>	
Alaska	Unknown.			Currently unable to locate.
Arizona	Unregulated.			Interior design not regulated because does not meet nonhealth profession and occupation criteria of Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 32-4401 to be regulated.
Arkansas	 As used in this subchapter, § 17-15-201 et seq., and §§ 17-35-301 17-35-304, "registered interior designer" means a person registered under this subchapter, § 17-15-201 et seq., and §§ 17-35-301 17-35-304. (b)(1) A registered interior designer is a design professional who is qualified by education, experience, and examination as authorized by an authority. (2) In general, a registered interior designer performs services including preparation of working drawings and documents relative to non-load-bearing interior construction, materials, finishes, space planning, furnishings, fixtures, and equipment. (c) Except as provided herein, interior design services do not include services that constitute the practice of architecture as defined in the Arkansas Architectural Act, § 17-15-101 et seq., or the practice of engineering as defined in the Arkansas Engineering Act, § 17-30-101 et seq. 	Ark. Code Ann. § 17-35-103 (West 2012).	<u>Westlaw.com</u>	
California	"Certified interior designer" means a person who prepares and submits nonstructural or nonseismic plans consistent with Sections 5805 and 5538 to local building departments that are of sufficient complexity so as to require the skills of a licensed contractor to implement them, and who engages in programming, planning, designing, and documenting the construction and installation of nonstructural or nonseismic elements, finishes and furnishings within the interior spaces of a building, and has demonstrated by means of education, experience and examination, the competency to protect and enhance the health, safety, and welfare of the public.	Cal. Bus. & Prof. § 5800(a) (West 2012).	Westlaw.com	



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Colorado	 12-25-303. Architects. Exemptions. 12-25-303. Architects. Exemptions. 13-25-303. Architects. Exemptions. 14-25-303. Architects. Exemptions. 15(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection (6), nothing in this part 3 shall be construed to prevent an interior designer from preparing interior design documents and specifications for interior finishes and nonstructural elements within and surrounding interior spaces of a building or structure of any size, height, and occupancy and filing such documents and specifications for the purpose of obtaining approval for a building permit as provided by law from the appropriate city, city and county, or regional building authority, which may approve or reject any such filing in the same manner as for other professions. (b) Interior designers shall not be engaged in the construction of the structural frame systems; or negrency sprinkler systems; any other alteration affecting the life safety of the occupants of a building. Any interior designer shall, as a condition of filing interior design any other alteration affecting the life safety of the occupants of a building. Any interior designer shall are to any other alteration affecting the occupants of a building. Any interior designer shall are subject to any of the restrictions set forth in paragraphs (b) and (d) of subsection (1) of this section. (c) As used in this subsection (6), "interior designer" means a person who: (l) Engages in: (d) Consultation, study, design analysis, drawing, space planning, and specification for nonstructural or nonseismic interior construction, materials, finishes, space planning, furnishings, futures, equipment, lighting, and reflected celling plans; (c) Designing for fabrication nonstructural elements within and surrounding interior spaces of building; or (d) The administration of design construction, materials, finishes, space planning, furnishings, futures, equipment, lighting, and	Colo. Rev. Stat. § 12-25-303(6) (2011).	http://www.lexisn exis.com/hottopic s/Colorado/	



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Conn.	"[I]nterior designer" means a person qualified by education, experience and examination who (A) identifies, researches and creatively solves problems pertaining to the function and quality of the interior environment; and (B) performs services relative to interior spaces, including programming, design analysis, space planning and aesthetics, using specialized knowledge of non-load-bearing interior construction, building systems and components, building codes, equipment, materials and furnishings; and (C) prepares plans and specifications for non-load-bearing interior construction, materials, finishes, space planning, reflected ceiling plans, furnishings, fixtures and equipment relative to the design of interior spaces in order to enhance and protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.	20-377(k)(2) (West	<u>Westlaw.com</u>	
Delaware	Unknown.			Currently unable to locate.
Dist. of Columbia	For the purposes of this part, the term "practice of interior design" means providing or offering to provide consultations, preliminary studies, drawings, specifications, or any related service for the design analysis, programming, space planning, or aesthetic planning of the interior of buildings, using specialized knowledge of interior construction, building systems and components, building codes, fire and safety codes, equipment, materials, and furnishings, in a manner that will protect and enhance the health, safety, and welfare of the public whether one or all of these services are performed either in person or as the directing head of an organization.	2853.101 (2012).	<u>Westlaw.com</u>	
Florida	"Interior design" means designs, consultations, studies, drawings, specifications, and administration of design construction contracts relating to nonstructural interior elements of a building or structure. "Interior design" includes, but is not limited to, reflected ceiling plans, space planning, furnishings, and the fabrication of nonstructural elements within and surrounding interior spaces of buildings. "Interior design" specifically excludes the design of or the responsibility for architectural and engineering work, except for specification of fixtures and their location within interior spaces. As used in this subsection, "architectural and engineering interior construction relating to the building systems" includes, but is not limited to, construction of structural, mechanical, plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, ventilating, electrical, or vertical transportation systems, or construction which materially affects lifesafety systems pertaining to firesafety protection such as fire-rated separations between interior spaces, fire-rated vertical shafts in multistory structures, fire-rated protection of structural elements, smoke evacuation and compartmentalization, emergency ingress or egress systems, and emergency alarm systems.	481.203(8) (West 2012).	Westlaw.com	



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Georgia	[T]he term "registered interior designer" means a person registered under this article as being qualified by education, experience, and examination to use the title "registered interior designer." In general, an interior designer performs services including preparation of documents relative to nonstructural interior construction, furnishings, finishes, fixtures, and equipment.	43-4-30 (West	Westlaw.com	
Guam	Unknown.			Currently unable to locate.
Hawaii	Unregulated.			Currently unable to locate. Hawaii House Bill 3324 introduced regarding licensure of interior designers pursuant to resolution from previous year, but was not ultimately enacted into law.
Idaho	Unknown.			Currently unable to locate.
Illinois		225 III. Comp. Stat. Ann. 310/3 para. 6- 7 (West 2012).		



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Indiana		25-20.7-1-5 (West 2012).	<u>Westlaw.com</u>	
lowa		Iowa Code § 544C.1(3) (West 2012).	Westlaw.com	
Kansas	As used in K.S.A. 75-1250 through 75-1267, and amendments thereto, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall be defined as follows: (c) "Architectural services" means any of the following: (3) interior design services.	Kan. Stat. Ann. § 75-1251(c)(3) (West 2012).	<u>Westlaw.com</u>	Unable to locate additional, more pertinent language.
Kentucky		Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 323.400(2) (West 2012).	Westlaw.com	



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Louisiana	 "Practice of interior design" means the rendering of services to enhance the quality and function of an interior area of a structure designed for human habitation or occupancy. The term includes: (a) An analysis of a client's needs and goals for an interior area of a structure designed for human habitation or occupancy and the requirements for safety relating to that area. (b) The formulation of preliminary designs for an interior area designed for human habitation or occupancy that are appropriate, functional, and esthetic. (c) The development and presentation of final designs that are appropriate for the alteration or construction of an interior area of a structure designed for human habitation or occupancy. (d) The collaboration with licensed professionals in preparation of contract documents for the alteration or construction of an interior area of a structure designed for human habitation or occupancy, including specifications for partitions, materials, finishes, furniture, fixtures, and equipment. (e) The collaboration with licensed professionals in the completion of a project for the alteration or construction of an interior area of a structure designed for human habitation or occupancy. (f) The collaboration with licensed professionals in the completion of a project for the alteration or construction of an interior area of a structure designed for human habitation or occupancy. (f) The preparation and administration of bids or contracts as the agent of a client. (g) The review and evaluation of problems relating to the design of a project for the alteration or construction and upon completion of the alteration or construction. 	La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 37:3172 (2012).	<u>Westlaw.com</u>	
Maine	This chapter does not prohibit a person from providing interior design services or from using the title	Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 32 § 220- B(1) (2012).	<u>Westlaw.com</u>	



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Maryland	"Interior design services" means rendering or offering to render services for a fee or other valuable consideration, in the preparation and administration of interior design documents (including drawings, schedules and specifications) which pertain to the planning and design of interior spaces including furnishings, layouts, fixtures, cabinetry, lighting fixtures, finishes, materials, and interior construction not materially related to or materially affecting the building systems, all of which shall comply with applicable laws, codes, regulations, and standards. The scope of work described herein shall not be construed as authorizing the planning and design of engineering and architectural interior construction as related to the building systems, including structural, electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilating, air conditioning or mechanical systems and shall not be construed as authorizing the practice of architecture or engineering as defined in Title 3 or Title 14 of this article. The interior design plans as described above are not to be construed as those architectural plans which may be required to be filed with any county or municipality.		http://www.lexisn exis.com/hottopic s/mdcode/	
Mass.	Unregulated.			Mass. House Bill 262 regarding interior design introduced 2009, but not ultimately enacted into law
Michigan	 Practice of occupation without license; violations, penalties; injunctive relief; exemptions; investigations; forfeiture; nature of remedies under section; notice of convictions (10) This act does not apply to a person engaging in or practicing the following: (a) Interior design. (15) An interior designer may perform services in connection with the design of interior spaces including preparation of documents relative to finishes, systems furniture, furnishings, fixtures, equipment, and interior partitions that do not affect the building mechanical, structural, electrical, or fire safety systems. 	Mich. Comp. Laws § 339.601(10)(a), (15) (2009).	<u>Westlaw.com</u>	Persons engaged in interior design must have a license only if they also practice any of the professions or occupations for which a license is required.



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Minn.	Certified interior designer. (a) For the purposes of sections 326.02 to 326.15, "certified interior designer" means a person who is certified under section 326.10, to use the title certified interior designer and who provides services in connection with the design of public interior spaces, including preparation of documents relative to non-load-bearing interior construction, space planning, finish materials, and furnishings. (b) No person may use the title certified interior designer unless that person has been certified as an interior designer or has been exempted by the board. Registered architects may be certified without additional testing. Persons represent themselves to the public as certified interior designers if they use a title that incorporates the words certified interior designer. (c) Nothing in this section prohibits the use of the title interior designer or the term interior design by persons not certified by the board. (d) Nothing in this section restricts persons not certified by the board from providing interior design services and from saying that they provide such services, as long as they do not use the title certified interior designer. (e) Nothing in this section authorizes certified interior designers to engage in the practice of architecture as defined in subdivision 2 or the practice of engineering as defined in subdivision 3.	Minn. Stat. Ann. § 326.02 subd. 4b (West 2011).	<u>Westlaw.com</u>	
Miss.	"Mississippi Certified Interior Designer" means an interior design professional who holds a certification issued by the board. A certified interior designer shall not be considered to be a registered design professional as defined within the International Building Code or by building permit requirements.	Miss. Code Ann. § 73-73-5(c) (2011).	http://www.lexisn exis.com/hottopic s/mscode/	
Missouri	 324.400. Definitions As used in sections 324.400 to 324.439, the following terms mean: (3) "Registered interior designer", a design professional who provides services including preparation of documents and specifications relative to nonload-bearing interior construction, furniture, finishes, fixtures and equipment and who meets the criteria of education, experience and examination as provided in sections 324.400 to 324.439. 324.403. Registered interior designer, use of name or title No person may use the name or title, registered interior designer, in this state unless that person is registered as required by sections 324.400 to 324.439. Nothing in sections 324.400 to 324.439 shall be construed as limiting or preventing the practice of a person's profession or restricting a person from providing interior designer pursuant to the provisions of sections 324.400 to 324.439. 	Mo. Rev. Stat. § 324.400(3) (West 2012).	http://www.moga .mo.gov/htmlpage s/indexnewtest2.h tml	



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Montana	Unknown.			Currently unable to locate.
Nebraska	Unknown.			Currently unable to locate.
Nevada	 "Practice as a registered interior designer" means the rendering, by a person registered pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 623.180, of services to enhance the quality and function of an interior area of a structure designed for human habitation or occupancy. The term includes: An analysis of: A client's needs and goals for an interior area of a structure designed for human habitation or occupancy; and The formulation of preliminary designs for an interior area designed for human habitation or occupancy; that are appropriate, functional and esthetic; The development and presentation of final designs that are appropriate for the alteration or construction of an interior area of a structure designed for human habitation or construction of an interior area of a structure designed for human habitation or occupancy; The preparation of contract documents for the alteration or construction of an interior area of a structure designed for human habitation or occupancy; The preparation of contract documents for the alteration or construction of an interior area of a structure designed for human habitation or occupancy, including specifications for partitions, materials, finishes, furniture, fixtures and equipment; The collaboration in the completion of a project for the alteration or construction of an interior area of a structure designed for human habitation or occupancy with professional engineers or architects who are registered pursuant to the provisions of title 54 of NRS; The preparation and administration of bids or contracts as the agent of a client; and The review and evaluation of problems relating to the design of a project for the alteration or construction and upon completion of the alteration or construction. 	Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 623.0225 (West 2012).	Westlaw.com	
New Hamp.	Unknown.			Currently unable to locate.



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New Jersey	"Interior design services" means rendering or offering to render services, for a fee or other valuable consideration, in the preparation and administration of interior design documents, including, but not limited to, drawings, schedules and specifications which pertain to the design intent and planning of interior spaces, including furnishings, layouts, non-load bearing partitions, fixtures, cabinetry, lighting location and type, outlet location and type, switch location and type, finishes, materials and interior construction not materially related to or materially affecting the building systems, in accordance with applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards.		<u>Westlaw.com</u>	
New Mexico	"[I]nterior design" means services that do not necessarily require performance by an architect, such as administering contracts for fabrication, procurement or installation in the implementation of designs, drawings and specifications for any interior design project and consultations, studies, drawings and specifications in connection with reflected ceiling plans, space utilization, furnishings or the fabrication of nonstructural elements within and surrounding interior spaces of buildings, but specifically excluding mechanical and electrical systems, except for specifications of fixtures and their location within interior spaces	N.M. Stat. Ann. § 61-24C-3(B) (West 2012).	<u>Westlaw.com</u>	
New York		N.Y. Educ. Law § 8303 (McKinney 2012).	<u>Westlaw.com</u>	
North Carolina	Unknown.			Currently unable to locate.
North Dakota	Unknown.			Currently unable to locate.



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Ohio	Unregulated.			Ohio Senate Bill introduced during 1999-2000 session regarding the certification of interior designers upon satisfaction of certain requirements, but did not make it out of House Committee and thus was not enacted.
Oklahoma	"Registered interior designer" means a person recognized by this state who is registered, qualified by education, experience and examination and meeting all the requirements set forth in the State Architectural and Registered Interior Designers Act and the Board's rules.	Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 59, § 46.3(14) (West 2012).	Westlaw.com	
Oregon	Unknown.			Currently unable to locate.
Penn.	Unregulated.			PA. House Panel reviewed idea of licensing in 2010, but did not move forward



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Puerto Rico	 § 2231. Definitions. Interior designer/decorator. Means the trained professional qualified through to his/her education, experience, skills and recognized ability, which enable him/her to identify, analyze, and resolve in a creative manner, those problems concerning the quality, function and aesthetics of interior environments. He/She also develops services in relation to said interior spaces, which include: the analysis of design, planning of space, and the supervision of the work to be conducted, by using his/her knowledge on building codes, equipment specifications, and acquisition and installation of materials and furniture. He/She develops and presents the drawings, specifications and documents needed for the proper design and planning of interior spaces. In addition, he/she creates an atmosphere by using visual elements such as: line, form, color, texture, light and accessories. § 2232. License. No person shall practice or offer to practice as interior designer/decorator in Puerto Rico after unless he/she holds a license pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. 	P.R. Laws Ann. tit. 20, §§ 2231(a), 2232 para. 2 (2009).	http://www.lexisn exis.com/hottopic s/lawsofpuertorico ζ	
Rhode Island	Unknown.			Currently unable to locate.
South Carolina	Unknown.			Currently unable to locate.
South Dakota	Unknown.			Currently unable to locate.



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Tenn.	 § 62-2-101. Registration; purpose In order to safeguard life, health and property and to promote public welfare, by requiring that only properly qualified persons shall practice architecture, engineering and landscape architecture, or use the title "registered interior designer" in this state, any person practicing architecture, engineering or landscape architecture or using the title "registered interior designer" shall be registered as provided in this chapter, and it is unlawful for any person to practice or offer to practice architecture, engineering or landscape architecture, or use the title "registered interior designer" unless the person has been duly registered under this chapter, except as otherwise provided. § 62-2-902. Definitions As used in this part, unless the context otherwise requires: "Registered interior designer" means a person registered to use the title "registered interior designer" under this part. The registered interior designer is a person who meets the criteria of education, experience and examination as determined by the board. 	Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 62-2-101 <i>,</i> - 902(2) (2012).	http://www.lexisn exis.com/hottopic s/tncode/	
Texas	 "Interior design" means the: (A) identification, research, or development of a creative solution to a problem relating to the function or quality of an interior environment; (B) performance of a service relating to an interior space, including programming, design analysis, space planning of non-load-bearing interior construction, and application of aesthetic principles, by using specialized knowledge of interior construction, building codes, equipment, materials, or furnishings; or (C) preparation of an interior design plan, specification, or related document about the design of a non-load-bearing interior space. 	Tex. Occ. Code Ann. § 1051.001(3) (West 2012).	<u>Westlaw.com</u>	
Utah	Unknown.			Currently unable to locate.
Vermont	Unknown.			Currently unable to locate.
Virgin Islands	Unknown.			Currently unable to locate.



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Virginia	"Interior design" by a certified interior designer means any service rendered wherein the principles and methodology of interior design are applied in connection with the identification, research, and creative solution of problems pertaining to the function and quality of the interior environment. Such services relative to interior spaces shall include the preparation of documents for nonload-bearing interior construction, furnishings, fixtures, and equipment in order to enhance and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.	Va. Code Ann. § 54.1-400 para. 6 (West 2009).	<u>Westlaw.com</u>	
Wash.	Unregulated.			Washington Senate Bill 6707 seeking to regulate the interior design did not make it out of Committee and was thus not enacted.
West Virginia	Unknown.			Currently unable to locate.
Wisc.	"Interior design" means the design of interior spaces in conformity with public health, safety and welfare requirements, including the preparation of documents relating to space planning, finish materials, furnishings, fixtures and equipment and the preparation of documents relating to interior construction that does not substantially affect the mechanical or structural systems of a building. "Interior design" does not include services that constitute the practice of architecture or the practice of professional engineering.	Wis. Stat. Ann. § 440.96(2) (West 2012).	<u>Westlaw.com</u>	
Wyoming	Unknown.			Currently unable to locate.