

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 341**

By Mr. Walsh of Boston, petition of Martin J. Walsh relative to certification of interior designers. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTIFICATION OF INTERIOR DESIGNERS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 60P. Any individual who has passed the interior design examina-  
2 tion administered by the National Council for Interior Design Quali-  
3 fication (NCIDQ), who is a graduate of an interior design program  
4 accredited by either the Foundation for Interior Design Education  
5 and Research or the National Association of Schools of Art and  
6 Design at the time of or within two years after such individual’s  
7 graduation, and who has completed the Interior Design Experience  
8 Program administered by the NCIDQ, may use the title “certified  
9 interior designer.”

10 60Q. It shall be unlawful for any individual who is not so quali-  
11 fied by reason of having passed such examination, or who is not a  
12 graduate of such program, or who does not have such experience to  
13 use the title “certified interior designer” or any title or device indi-  
14 cating that an individual is a “certified interior designer.” Any indi-  
15 vidual violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by a  
16 fine of not more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment in a  
17 jail or house of correction for not more than three months, or both.

18 60R. Nothing herein shall prohibit any person from performing  
19 interior design services or using the title “interior designer,” “inte-  
20 riors consultant,” “interior decorator” or the like, so long as the word  
21 “certified” is not used in conjunction with the word “interior  
22 designer.” Nothing herein shall authorize any individual to engage  
23 in the practice of architecture, engineering, or any other occupation  
24 regulated under the laws of this state or to prepare, sign or seal plans

25 with respect to such practice or in connection with any governmental  
26 permits unless licensed or otherwise permitted to do so under such  
27 laws.

28 60S. It shall be unlawful for any individual using the title “certi-  
29 fied interior designer” to have an interest in the manufacture, sale, or  
30 installation of any component or process in a project for which that  
31 individual is the interior designer, unless that interest has been dis-  
32 closed to the client. Nothing in this section shall prohibit an  
33 employee of a retail establishment providing consultation regarding  
34 interior design, decoration, furnishings, furniture or fixtures offered  
35 for sale by such establishment from receiving compensation from  
36 such establishment. Any individual violating the provisions of this  
37 section shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred  
38 dollars or by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not  
39 more than three months, or both.