

CHAPTER 378

AN ACT concerning certified landscape architects and amending P.L. 1989, c.275 and P.L.1989, c.277.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. Section 1 of P.L.1989, c.275 (C.45:3-1.1) is amended to read as follows:

C.45:3-1.1 Definitions.

1. For the purposes of this act:
 - a. "Aesthetic principles" means the concepts of order, balance, proportion, scale, rhythm, color, texture, mass and form as used in the design process.
 - b. "Architect" means an individual who through education, training, and experience is skilled in the art and science of building design and has been licensed by the New Jersey State Board of Architects to practice architecture in the State of New Jersey.
 - c. "Architecture" means the art and science of building design and particularly the design of any structure for human use or habitation. Architecture, further, is the art of applying human values and aesthetic principles to the science and technology of building methods, materials and engineering systems, required to comprise a total building project with a coherent and comprehensive unity of structure and site.
 - d. "Board" means the New Jersey State Board of Architects.
 - e. "Certificate of authorization" means a certificate issued by the board pursuant to this amendatory and supplementary act.
 - f. "Closely allied professional" means and is limited to licensed architects, professional engineers, land surveyors, professional planners, and certified landscape architects, and persons that provide space planning services, interior design services, or the substantial equivalent thereof.
 - g. "Engineering systems" means those systems necessary for the proper function of a building and the surrounding site, the proper design of which requires engineering knowledge acquired through engineering or architectural education, training, or experience. These systems include but are not limited to structural, electrical, heating, lighting, acoustical, ventilation, air conditioning, grading, plumbing, and drainage. Drainage facilities for sites of ten acres or more or involving stormwater detention facilities or traversed by a water course shall only be designed by a professional engineer.
 - h. "Joint committee" means the Joint Committee of Architects and Engineers established pursuant to the "Building Design Services Act," P.L.1989, c.277 (C.45:4B-1 et seq.).
 - i. "Human use or habitation" means the activities of living, including, but not limited to fulfilling domestic, religious, educational, recreational, employment, assembly, health care, institutional, memorial, financial, commercial, industrial and governmental needs.
 - j. "Human values" means the social, cultural, historical, economic and environmental influences that have an impact on the quality of life.
 - k. "Practice of architecture" or "architectural services" means the rendering of services in connection with the design, construction, enlargement, or alteration of a building or a group of buildings and the space within or surrounding those buildings, which have as their principal purpose human use or habitation. These services include site planning, providing preliminary studies, architectural designs, drawings, specifications, other technical documentation, and administration of construction for the purpose of determining compliance with drawings and specifications.
 1. "Responsible charge" means the rendering of regular and effective supervision by a competent licensed architect to those individuals performing services which directly and materially affect the quality and competence of architectural services rendered by the licensee. A licensee engaged in any of the following acts or practices shall be deemed not to have rendered regular and effective supervision:
 - (1) The regular and continuous absence from principal office premises from which professional services are rendered, except for performance of field work or presence in a field office maintained exclusively for a specific project;
 - (2) The failure to personally inspect or review the work of subordinates where necessary and appropriate;

(3) The rendering of a limited, cursory or perfunctory review of plans for a building or structure in lieu of an appropriate detailed review;

(4) The failure to personally be available on a reasonable basis or with adequate advance notice for consultation and inspection where circumstances require personal availability.

m. "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.

2. Section 3 of P.L.1989, c.277 (C.45:4B-3) is amended to read as follows:

C.45:4B-3 Definitions.

3. For the purposes of this act:

a. "Architectural project" means any building or structure the plans for which may be prepared, designed, signed, and sealed by a licensed architect pursuant to section 7 of this act.

b. "Boards" means the New Jersey State Board of Architects and the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

c. "Closely allied professional" means and is limited to licensed architects, professional engineers, land surveyors, professional planners, and certified landscape architects.

d. "Engineering project" means a building or structure the plans for which may be prepared, designed, signed, and sealed by a professional engineer pursuant to section 7 of this act.

e. "Engineering systems" means those systems necessary for the proper function of a building and surrounding site, the proper design of which requires engineering knowledge acquired through engineering or architectural training and experience. These systems include but are not limited to structural, electrical, heating, lighting, acoustical, ventilation, air conditioning, grading, plumbing and drainage. Drainage facilities for sites of 10 acres or more or involving storm water detention facilities or traversed by a water course shall only be designed by a professional engineer.

f. "Joint committee" means the Joint Committee of Architects and Engineers created pursuant to section 4 of this act.

g. "Owner" means any person, agent, firm, partnership or corporation having a legal or equitable interest in the property or any agent acting on behalf of such individuals or entities.

h. "Practice of architecture" or "architectural services" means the rendering of services in connection with the design, construction, enlargement, or alteration of a building or a group of buildings and the space within or surrounding those buildings, which have as their principal purpose human use or habitation. These services include site planning, providing preliminary studies, architectural designs, drawings, specifications, other technical documentation, and administration of construction for the purpose of determining compliance with drawings and specifications.

i. "Practice of engineering" or "engineering services" means any service or creative work the adequate performance of which requires engineering education, training, and experience and the application of special knowledge of the mathematical, physical and engineering sciences to such services or creative work as consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning and design of engineering works and systems, planning the use of land and water, engineering studies, and the administration of construction for the purpose of determining compliance with drawings and specifications; any of which embraces such services or work, either public or private, in connection with any engineering project including: utilities, structures, buildings, machines, equipment, processes, work systems, projects, telecommunications, and industrial or consumer products or equipment of a mechanical, electrical, hydraulic, pneumatic or thermal nature, insofar as they involve safeguarding life, health or property, and including such other professional services as may be necessary to the planning, progress and completion of any

engineering services. The design of buildings by professional engineers shall be consistent with section 7 of this act. The practice of professional engineering shall not include the work ordinarily performed by persons who operate or maintain machinery or equipment.

j. "Responsible charge" means the rendering of regular and effective supervision by a competent licensed architect or professional engineer as appropriate to those individuals performing services which directly and materially affect the quality and competence of professional work rendered by the licensee. A licensee engaged in any of the following acts or practices shall be deemed not to have rendered regular and effective supervision:

(1) The regular and continuous absence from principal office premises from which professional services are rendered, except for the performance of field work or presence in a field office maintained exclusively for a specific project;

(2) The failure to personally inspect or review the work of subordinates where necessary and appropriate;

(3) The rendering of a limited, cursory or perfunctory review of plans for a building or structure in lieu of an appropriate detailed review; and

(4) The failure to personally be available on a reasonable basis or with adequate advanced notice for consultation and inspection where circumstances require availability.

3. Section 4 of P.L.1989, c.277 (C.45:4B-4) is amended to read as follows:

C.45:4B-4 Joint Committee of Architects and Engineers.

4. There is created in the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety a Joint Committee of Architects and Engineers which shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be licensed architect members of the New Jersey State Board of Architects, two of whom shall be professional engineer members of the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors and one of whom shall be appointed by the Governor.

The professional members shall be appointed by their respective board presidents with the advice and consent of a majority of their respective boards. They shall serve at the discretion of their respective boards during their terms of office.

The gubernatorial appointment shall be a resident of this State with experience as an arbitrator and shall not be a licensed architect, professional engineer, or a closely allied professional. The gubernatorial appointment shall serve from the date of appointment for a term of five years and shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms. The gubernatorial appointment may be removed for cause by the Governor.

An alternate member shall be chosen from each board in the same manner as the professional members. An alternate member may represent the appointing board when a professional member is absent from a joint committee meeting. While acting in this capacity the alternate member shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of a voting professional member.

The gubernatorial appointment with an equal number of architect and engineer professional members present shall constitute a quorum. No joint committee business shall be conducted without a quorum.

The joint committee shall meet at least six times a year, except that it shall meet no less than once every two months.

The joint committee members shall be entitled to receive per diem fees and expenses equivalent to fees paid to members of the professional and occupational licensing boards pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1977, c.285 (C.45:1-2.5).

The cost of operation of the joint committee shall be borne equally by the boards which shall adopt such fees by regulation as are necessary to fund such operation.

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 8, 2002.