

# STATEMENT OF SCOPE

## REGISTERED INTERIOR DESIGNER SECTION

Rule No.: A-E 1 to 15

Relating to: Registered Interior Designers

Rule Type: Permanent

**1. Finding/nature of emergency (Emergency Rule only):**

N/A

**2. Detailed description of the objective of the proposed rule:**

The objective of the proposed rules is to implement the statutory changes from 2021 Wisconsin Act 195.

**3. Description of the existing policies relevant to the rule, new policies proposed to be included in the rule, and an analysis of policy alternatives:**

Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter SPS 130 currently outlines requirements for Registered Interior Designers. The authority for the rules in SPS 130 was removed and transferred to the newly created Registered Interior Designers Section of the Examining board of architects, landscape architects, professional engineers, designers, professional land surveyors, and registered interior designers by 2021 Wisconsin Act 195. If new rules are not implemented as a result of this statute change, the practice of Registered Interior Designers will remain out of compliance with current state statute and may adversely affect the ability of Registered Interior Designers to practice in Wisconsin.

**4. Detailed explanation of statutory authority for the rule (including the statutory citation and language):**

Section 15.08 (5) (b) states that “[each examining board] “[s]hall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains, and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession.”

Section 443.015 (1) states that “[e]ach section of the examining board may establish continuing education requirements for renewal of a credential issued by that section under this chapter.”

Section 443.015 (1m) (a) 1. states that “

**1. Each section of the examining board shall promulgate rules to do all of the following:**

- a.** Allow the holder of a credential under this chapter who is at least 65 years of age or has actively maintained that credential for at least 20 years, which need not be consecutive, and who certifies that he or she has retired from and no longer engages in the practice for which he or she holds the credential to apply to the board to classify that credential as retired status.
- b.** Allow an individual who previously held a credential under this chapter, and failed to renew that credential prior to the renewal date, to apply to the board to renew the credential with retired status if the individual is at least 65 years of age or had actively maintained that credential for at least 20 years, which need not be consecutive, certifies that he or she has retired from and no longer engages in the practice for which he or she previously held the credential, and pays the

fee under par. (d). Section 440.08 (3) (a) and (b) does not apply to the renewal of such a credential.

c. Allow the holder of a credential classified as retired status as described under subd. 1. a. or b. to apply to the appropriate section of the examining board to remove the retired status classification if he or she satisfies reinstatement requirements established by the appropriate section of the examining board by rule.”

Section 443.015 (2) states that “[e]ach section of the examining board may promulgate rules governing the professional conduct of individuals, firms, partnerships, and corporations registered, permitted, certified, or granted a certificate of authorization by that section.”

Section 443.17 (2) (a) states that “[t]he registered interior designer section of the examining board shall promulgate rules establishing specifications for seals and stamps used by Wisconsin registered interior designers.”

**5. Estimate of amount of time that state employees will spend developing the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule:**

120 hours

**6. List with description of all entities that may be affected by the proposed rule:**

Registered Interior Designer credential holders and those looking to enter the profession in Wisconsin.

**7. Summary and preliminary comparison with any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule:**

None.

**8. Anticipated economic impact of implementing the rule (note if the rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses):**

The proposed rule is likely to have minimal or no economic impact on small businesses and the state’s economy as a whole.

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