

**CHAPTER 147**  
**SB 21 - FINAL VERSION**

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SENATE BILL            **21**

AN ACT                relative to licensure and continuing education of architects.

SPONSORS:            Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20

COMMITTEE:          Executive Departments and Administration

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ANALYSIS

     This bill modifies the continuing education requirements for architects and clarifies the exemptions from licensure by the board of architects.

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Explanation:        Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                         Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~  
                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen*

AN ACT                      relative to licensure and continuing education of architects.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1            147:1 Section Heading Corrected. Amend the section heading of RSA 310-A:45 to read as  
2 follows:

3            310-A:45 [~~Interstate~~] **Reciprocal** Licensure.

4            147:2 Architects; Continuing Education. Amend RSA 310-A:46-a to read as follows:

5            310-A:46-a Continuing Education Required. Any person holding a license shall be required to  
6 complete 12 units of continuing education each year[~~, consisting of 8 units~~] in the area of health,  
7 safety, and welfare [~~and 4 units in the area of sustainable design~~]. Each person shall be responsible  
8 for maintaining evidence of his or her continuing education units and shall submit such evidence of  
9 continuing education units to the board biennially upon renewal of his or her license.

10           147:3 Architects; Exemptions from Licensure. Amend RSA 310-A:52 to read as follows:

11           310-A:52 Exemptions. [~~Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prevent or affect~~] **The**  
12 **seal of a licensed architect shall be required for all buildings or structures covered by the**  
13 **New Hampshire building code under RSA 155-A, with the following exemptions:**

14           I. The preparation of drawings and specifications for and the supervision of the  
15 construction or alteration of a single-family or 2-family residence or of any building used for farm  
16 purposes[;].

17           II. The alteration of an existing building not involving [~~structural changes~~]; **any of the**  
18 **following:**

19                    (a) **A change in the primary structural frame or bearing wall; or**

20                    (b) **A change in use or occupancy to one of a higher hazard classification.**

21           III. The practice of architecture by officers and employees of the United States while  
22 engaged within the state in the practice of architecture for the federal government[; ~~or~~].

23           IV. The preparation of drawings and specifications for, and the supervision [~~and alteration~~  
24 ~~of, any structure which does not have as its principal structural members reinforced concrete or~~  
25 ~~structural steel and is 2- 1/2 stories or less, and 4,000 square feet or less, and is not a building of~~  
26 ~~assembly, which includes schools, churches, auditoriums, theatres, hospitals and any building for~~  
27 ~~the elderly~~] **of any new or reconstructed structure meeting all of the following conditions:**

28                    (a) **The primary structural frame is not reinforced concrete or structural steel;**

29                    (b) **The building height is 2-1/2 stories or less;**

30                    (c) **The building area is 4,000 square feet or less; and**

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1                   ***(d) The occupancy classification is not a Group A, E, H, I, or R-4.***

147:4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: June 16, 2017

Effective Date: August 15, 2017