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A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to architecture and interior 3 design; amending s. 455.32, F.S.; revising the Management Privatization Act to delegate 4 5 certain responsibilities of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to the 6 7 Board of Architecture and Interior Design and 8 require the board to contract for the provision 9 of certain services; granting the board access to certain funds; requiring the board to submit 10 11 an annual budget request to fund its delegated 12 responsibilities as a separately itemized part of the department's annual legislative budget 13 14 request; providing an effective date. 15 16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 17 Section 1. Subsection (13) of section 455.32, Florida 18 19 Statutes, is amended to read: 455.32 Management Privatization Act .--20 21 (13)(a) The duties and authority of the department to 2.2 investigate and discipline persons licensed under part I of 23 chapter 481, to issue subpoenas and citations and retain legal 24 counsel, investigators, and prosecutorial staff in connection 25 with the practice of architecture and interior design, and to 26 investigate and deter the unlicensed practice of architecture 27 or interior design as provided in this chapter are delegated 28 to the Board of Architecture and Interior Design, created 29 under part I of chapter 481 and referred to elsewhere in this subsection as the "board." 30

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1 (b) The board, in lieu of the department, shall 2 contract with a corporation or other business entity pursuant 3 to subsection (3) to provide investigative, legal counsel, and 4 prosecutorial services and any other services necessary to 5 perform these duties. The corporation or business entity shall comply with all requirements of this section and shall 6 7 report directly to the board in lieu of the department. 8 The board may utilize funds in the profession's (C) 9 unlicensed activity account established pursuant to s. 10 455.2281 to perform its duties under s. 455.228. 11 (d) The board shall submit an annual budget request to 12 fund its activities under this subsection, which shall be 13 separately itemized in the legislative budget request 14 submitted by the department. No later than October 1, 2000, 15 the department shall contract with a corporation in accordance 16 with subsection (3) for the provision of services for 17 architects and interior designers. Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a 18 19 law. 20 21 22 HOUSE SUMMARY 23 Revises the Management Privatization Act to delegate responsibilities of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation relating to investigation, discipline, prosecution, and unlicensed activity to the Board of Architecture and Interior Design and to require the board to contract with a corporation or other business entity for certain of those services. Grants the board access to the profession's unlicensed activity account to perform its duties related thereto. Requires the board to submit an annual budget request to fund its delegated responsibilities as a separately itemized part of the department's annual legislative budget request. See bill for details. 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 2

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