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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1144**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Bates**

February 23, 2001

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An act to add Section ~~5535.4~~ 5558 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to architectural services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1144, as amended, Bates. Architectural services.

Existing law provides ~~that for the licensing and regulation of the practice of architecture is regulated~~ by the California Architects Board in the Department of Consumer Affairs.

~~This bill would authorize the board to adopt rules and regulations requiring individuals or businesses that provide architectural services to supply the board with the names of the architect or architects who are in responsible control of those architectural services require a person holding a license to practice architecture to file with the board a current mailing address and the name and address of the entity through which he or she provides architectural services.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~yes~~ no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares:
- 2 (a) The California Architects Board is charged with regulating
- 3 the practice of architecture and licensing qualified individuals to

1 provide architectural services in order to protect the health, safety,  
2 and welfare of the public.

3 (b) Additionally, the board is charged with providing to the  
4 public information about licensed architects to allow consumers of  
5 architectural services to make informed decisions in selecting a  
6 firm or licensee with which to contract for architectural services.

7 (c) In response to California's diverse business climate and  
8 consumer demands, the business structures for providing  
9 architectural services have evolved from the traditional sole  
10 proprietor to include corporations, professional corporations,  
11 partnerships, and limited liability partnerships. ~~These business  
12 structures limit the ability of consumers to obtain information  
13 about the architect in responsible control of providing  
14 architectural services.~~

15 (d) The current information available from the board does not  
16 reflect the diverse business structures for providing architectural  
17 services in today's marketplace. Therefore, the ability of  
18 consumers to obtain information about the architect in responsible  
19 control of providing architectural services is unnecessarily  
20 impeded.

21 (e) Furthermore, the board would benefit from information  
22 regarding the business entity providing architectural services in  
23 order to communicate with licensees and the public in a more  
24 efficient and cost-effective manner.

25 (f) The Legislature hereby intends that this act authorize the  
26 board to obtain critical and necessary information for consumers  
27 in today's diverse architectural marketplace.

28 ~~SEC. 2. Section 5535.4 is added to the Business and  
29 Professions Code, to read:~~

30 ~~5535.4. The board may adopt rules and regulations to require  
31 all persons or business entities that provide or offer to provide  
32 architectural services to inform the board of the name or names of  
33 the California licensed architect or architects who are in  
34 responsible control of providing or supplying architectural  
35 services.~~

36 *SEC. 2. Section 5558 is added to the Business and Professions  
37 Code, to read:*

38 *5558. Each person holding a license to practice architecture  
39 under this chapter shall file with the board his or her current  
40 mailing address and the proper and current name and address of*



- 1 *the entity through which he or she provides architectural services.*
- 2 *For purposes of this section, “entity” means any individual, firm,*
- 3 *corporation, or limited liability partnership.*

