

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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As Engrossed: H3/16/21

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1264

5 By: Representatives Pilkington, McCollum
6 By: Senators B. Davis, T. Garner
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE SMALL TOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
10 ACT; TO AMEND THE EXEMPTIONS TO THE LICENSING
11 REQUIREMENTS FOR ARCHITECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO CREATE THE SMALL TOWN ECONOMIC
16 DEVELOPMENT ACT.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Title.

22 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Small Town Economic
23 Development Act".
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25 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-15-302(a)(4)(C), concerning the
26 exemptions to the licensing requirements for architects, is amended to read
27 as follows:

28 (C) Buildings whose total cumulative and fair market value
29 to complete, not including site, does not exceed ~~one hundred thousand dollars~~
30 ~~(\$100,000)~~ two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000); and
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32 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-15-302(b) and (c), concerning the
33 exemptions to the licensing requirements for architects, are amended to read
34 as follows:

35 (b)(1) The terms of this chapter shall not apply to:

36 (A) Any public school district exempted from the



1 provisions of this chapter; or

2 (B) Every public school district embracing a city with a
3 population in excess of thirty thousand (30,000) which maintains a full-time
4 superintendent of buildings with engineering and architectural experience.

5 (2) This exception shall only apply:

6 (A) If the total cumulative and fair market value to
7 complete the repair and maintenance of buildings already constructed and
8 alterations thereof does not exceed the sum of ~~one hundred thousand dollars~~
9 ~~(\$100,000)~~ two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000); and

10 (B) If the total cumulative and fair market value to
11 complete the new structures will not exceed the sum of ~~one hundred thousand~~
12 ~~dollars (\$100,000)~~ two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000).

13 (c) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any public
14 school district, place of assembly, daycare, church, or building not more
15 than one (1) story high where:

16 (1) The total cumulative and fair market value to complete the
17 building, alteration, or structure does not exceed the sum of ~~one hundred~~
18 ~~thousand dollars (\$100,000)~~ two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000);
19 and

20 (2) *The plans are approved by the State Fire Marshal.*

21 (d) The exemptions of this section do not apply to work performed:

22 (1)(A) For a municipality that does not employ a building
23 official; or

24 (B) For a county that does not employ a building official;
25 and

26 (2) Exceeding one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

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28 SECTION 4. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE AND SUSPENSION OF
29 CURRENT LAW. Review and expiration.

30 (a) The effect of this act shall be reviewed by the House Committee on
31 City, County, and Local Affairs and the Senate Committee on City, County, and
32 Local Affairs on or before October 10, 2022, to determine if the licensing
33 requirements for architects and the exemptions for buildings where the total
34 cumulative and fair market value exceeds a certain dollar amount should
35 either:

36 (1) Remain at two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000); or

1 (2) Revert to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

2 (b) This act is cumulative of existing laws and shall not repeal but
3 merely suspend any law in conflict with this act.

4 (c) On and after December 31, 2023, the provisions of law suspended by
5 this act shall be effective.

6 (d) The expiration of this act shall not affect rights acquired under
7 it or affect lawsuits then pending.

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/s/Pilkington

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