

IDLCPA

INTERIOR DESIGN LEGISLATIVE COALITION OF PENNSYLVANIA

LEGISLATION HAS BEEN INTRODUCED!!!!!!

PENNSYLVANIA IS ON THE LEGISLATIVE INTERIOR DESIGN MAP!!!!!!

In April the Interior Designer's Practice Act was first introduced to the House of Representatives. The Interior Design Legislative Coalition of Pennsylvania (IDLCPA) has been working tirelessly writing the bill with the assistance of IIDA's GRA committee, ASID National, and other successful coalitions all over America. In 2007 IDLCPA hosted the first annual Interior Design Day at the Capitol. The event is strategically planned to help educate legislators about the professional practice and education of interior designers.

As a **practicing professional, student, educator or supporting affiliate in Pennsylvania, it is time to get involved.** This is what IDLCPA is requesting all interior designer supporters do to show support and refute the misrepresentation of non-supporting persons and organizations.

- **Become a member of IDLCPA.** If you are an ASID/IIDA member it does not tell legislators you support ID regulation. The only way to show you are a supporting voice is to join IDLCPA. Membership forms can be downloaded at www.idlcpa.org
- **Find out who your legislator is** and contact IDLCPA immediately (mmozelewski@idlcpa.org) if you have a legislator who is on the Professional Licensure Committee in the House or Senate. Visit <http://www.house.state.pa.us/index.cfm> (Use your 9-digit zip code in the upper right hand corner under "find Members by" and your House Representative will be listed. Then go under House – listed alphabetically and click on his/her name for complete contact information.)
- **Write your legislator** and tell them why it is important to support interior design licensure. Give them one or two stories from your professional practice/experience that specifically impacts the health, life-safety, and welfare of persons occupying interior spaces. Ask them to co-sponsor the bill if possible. It is very important NOT to discuss any other issues you may have that are separate from Interior Design.
- **Get a letter for the support of ID regulation from an Architect** who is registered or practicing in Pennsylvania. This is the BIGGEST thing that will take all the wind out of the AIA's sails. We need local support. If you have a partner hit them up! Send your letter to IDLCPA P.O. Box 44144 Pittsburgh PA, 15205. Remember to have your architect supporter state why it is important to regulate interior designers...how ID's affect life-safety, health and welfare.
- **Give money to the Interior Designer's PAC.** The PAC account is political action money that has to be separate from any other money's given to support legislation. The PAC account allows IDLCPA to attend legislator's personal fundraisers and gain access to their events so our voice may be heard. We need \$30,000 this year alone! You may donate at www.idlcpa.org or send a check made out to the Interior Designer's PAC and mail it to IDLCPA P.O. Box 44144 Pittsburgh PA, 15205.
- **ATTEND THE IDLCPA INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS HELD IN YOUR AREA.** The information you will be given in these meetings is critical to the success of the bill. IDLCPA will be working in conjunction with ASID and IIDA to create events that specifically help fund IDLCPA efforts. It costs over 40,000 per year to have a lobbyist working on behalf of the profession safeguarding interior designers from bad legislation and other restrictive bills. BE IN THE KNOW!

Pursuing recognition and regulation for interior design professionals whose occupation protects and enhances the health, safety, and welfare of people occupying interior space.