

# INTERIOR DESIGN

Status

Passed by the Senate

Bill

S.2805

## *An Act relative to advancing the profession of commercial interior design*

Regulation would remove barriers to employment opportunities in majority-women field.

### Highlights

- 1 This legislation would create a licensure process for commercial interior designers, allowing them to take on contracts that require licensed professionals. As the law currently stands, Massachusetts designers often have to contract with larger firms or individuals with architectural licenses in order to be eligible for these projects. This often results in lost revenue for interior designers in this majority-women field.
- 2 Licensure would also allow interior designers to obtain building permits independent of a licensed architect.
- 3 Licensed designers would be able to supervise new construction, alterations, repair of a building's interior space within newly constructed or existing buildings when core and shell structural elements are not being changed.



“ This bill will create a Board of Registration to license and develop professional standards to allow highly educated commercial interior design professionals to operate independently of architects. The lack of professional recognition and restrictions have limited career pathways for many qualified designers in an industry that historically is dominated by women. Twenty-nine other states have recognized Commercial Interior Designers by passing registration laws, and today I am proud that the Senate is adding Massachusetts to that list.

–Senator Joan Lovely (D-Salem)

