



Please Act Now – Design Professionals Bill to be Heard Tomorrow – CALL ALERT for March 5, 2013

The Design Professionals Bill (HB 575/SB 286) will be heard in two committees tomorrow—the House Civil Justice Subcommittee at 8:00 a.m. and the Senate Judiciary Committee at 2:00 p.m.

The bills will allow design professionals (architects, engineers, etc.) to limit their liability by including certain language in the contract. No other profession enjoys this ability to limit their liability. Doctors and lawyers are prohibited by law from limiting their liability in a contract. Why should architects and engineers and other design professionals be treated differently? The bills overrule court decisions that have ruled that professionals cannot do what these bills allow them to do which is escape from negligent conduct that impacts the health and life safety of the people of Florida.

We need your help to defeat these bills. Please contact the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the House Civil Justice Subcommittee to let them know that the bills are harmful to associations and ask that they vote against them.

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Thank you for adding your voice in opposing these bills.

Very truly yours,

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