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## Position Statement Sunset Review

### Revised Position Statements

#### 8. Architectural Practice and Title Regulations

In the public interest, the AIA holds that only architects and engineers licensed through examination possess the necessary education, training and experience to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public in the built environment. Other individuals may possess useful skills in designing within the built environment, but fragmentation of responsibility for the building design process endangers and misleads the public as to respective areas of competence and expertise. The AIA opposes practice or title regulation of individuals or groups other than architects and engineers.

**BAC Recommendation:** ~~In the public interest, t~~ The AIA holds maintains that only architects and engineers licensed through examination possess the necessary education, training and experience licensed professionals, by virtue of their comprehensive knowledge of the built environment, are qualified to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public in the built environment design of buildings and structures.

Every state uses the title “architect” to describe only those individuals who have proven their knowledge, expertise, and competence to design buildings through a rigorous and nationally recognized process of education, training and examination, protecting the consumer of professional building design services.

While other individuals practitioners may possess useful contribute their knowledge and skills in designing within the built environment to a building project, but fragmentation of responsibility the overall responsible control for the designing process design of buildings endangers the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and misleads the public as to the respective areas of competence and expertise of those involved in the building design process. The AIA opposes practice

or title regulation of individuals or groups other than architects and engineers.

The AIA supports practice definitions that ensure only those with proven comprehensive knowledge of the building design process maintain responsible control over the design of buildings, structures, and all interior and exterior building systems that affect the health, safety, and welfare of a building's occupants and users