

The South Carolina legislature passed S.500, a bill amending one of the exemptions from licensure in Section 40-3-290(C)(3) of the Architects' Practice Act. The bill was signed by the Governor on May 17, 2021, and is effective immediately.

Prior to May 17, 2021, § 40-3-290(C)(3) provided:

(C) If the drawings and specifications are signed by the authors with the true title of their occupations, this chapter does not apply to the preparation of plans and specifications for: . . . (3) a detached single-family or two-family dwelling, as defined in Group R3 of the Standard Building Code, regardless of size, with each unit having a grade level exit and sheds, storage buildings, and garages incidental to the dwelling.

Effective May 17, 2021, § 40-3-290(C)(3) provides:

(C) If the drawings and specifications are signed by the authors with the true title of their occupations, this chapter does not apply to the preparation of plans and specifications for: . . . (3) **one-family and two-family dwellings, including townhouses, in compliance with the prescriptive requirements of the South Carolina Residential Code. All other buildings and structures classified for residential occupancies or uses in the South Carolina Building Code that are beyond the scope of the South Carolina Residential Code are not exempt from the provisions of this chapter.**