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NEW INTERIOR DESIGN LAW IN MASSACHUSETTS OPENS ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR DESIGN PROFESSIONALS IN THE COMMONWEALTH

Chicago, IL — Yesterday, Gov. Deval Patrick signed into law a bill that expands the rights and privileges of Interior Designers to bid on state contracts in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The new law, which goes into effect Nov. 21, establishes the right of Interior Designers to serve as the prime consultant for state contracts, allowing credentialed designers increased opportunities for work and wholly recognizing the profession of Interior Design.

On behalf of the International Board of Directors, IIDA Vice President, Susanne Molina, IIDA, CID, LEED AP, ID+C, extends thanks and appreciation to the IIDA New England Chapter, the Massachusetts Interior Design Coalition (MIDC), and lobbyist Serlin Haley, LLP in helping to see this bill to passage.

“The passage of this legislation is the catalyst that will drive continued innovation for the built environment in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and elevate the industry and profession of Interior Design in the state,” said Molina. **IIDA Director of Advocacy, Public Policy, and Legislative Affairs, Emily Kluczynski**, said, “The successful passage of this new law is due in no small part to the dedication and tireless efforts of our members in Massachusetts, the IIDA New England Chapter, and the MIDC. By eliminating unfair and outdated restrictions on Interior Designers in the state, this new law will enable designers to contribute to the long-term development of construction projects in the Commonwealth.”

IIDA Members and collateral organizations played a significant part in mobilizing colleagues and building grassroots support for this legislation through advocacy efforts that emphasized the value in affording Massachusetts Interior Designers more flexibility in their practice and ability to be more involved in state work that is code-defined.

IIDA, on behalf of its Membership, commends Gov. Patrick, State Rep. Louis L. Kafka, and the Massachusetts Legislature for their support and action on this issue.

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