

LEGISLATIVE POLICY

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The National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) is a more than 30,000 member not-for-profit trade association that has educated and led the kitchen and bath industry for over 40 years. As the only trade association dedicated exclusively to the kitchen and bath industry, NKBA is the leading source of information and education for consumers and professionals alike. And, as a Trade Organization, NKBA supports efforts to protect the health, safety and welfare of the consumer by offering the foundation for professional career growth through our course offerings, technical manuals, books and multi-level certification programs. NKBA is an organization that has the qualifications and ability to educate and raise the level of professionalism for the Kitchen and Bath industry. The process for becoming certified by the NKBA in Kitchen and Bath Design includes stringent testing on health, safety and welfare for the protection of the consumer.

It is NKBA's belief that design legislation should contain various methods of entry into the profession and should fully protect the right to practice the profession of Interior Design and/or Kitchen & Bath Design in all locations. Entry methods must be fair and should take into consideration the organizations that actively promote continued education and certification within the industry. This type legislation should not impact the rights of equal opportunity or fair competition.

NKBA is neither for nor against legislation that regulates the use of the title "Interior Designer", as we believe that this type legislation does not effect the Kitchen and Bath Design profession. We are, however, opposed to and will lobby against legislation that attempts to regulate the use of titles associated directly with the kitchen and bath industry (such as Kitchen Designer, Certified Kitchen Designer, Bath Designer, Certified Bath Designer, and Designer).

NKBA seeks to protect the right to practice kitchen and bath design. We oppose any practice legislation that would limit the ability of the consumer to obtain the expertise of a kitchen and/or bath designer in the planning or designing of the interior of residential spaces.

NKBA recognizes the importance of education and professionalism in the Design community. We believe that the enactment of practice legislation which allows only one method of entry into the field could restrict the opportunity for fair competition, thus limiting the consumer's right of choice.