

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
Act 568 of the Regular Session

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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1264

By: Representatives Pilkington, McCollum  
By: Senators B. Davis, T. Garner

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT TO CREATE THE SMALL TOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
ACT; TO AMEND THE EXEMPTIONS TO THE LICENSING  
REQUIREMENTS FOR ARCHITECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

TO CREATE THE SMALL TOWN ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT ACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Small Town Economic  
Development Act".

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-15-302(a)(4)(C), concerning the  
exemptions to the licensing requirements for architects, is amended to read  
as follows:

(C) Buildings whose total cumulative and fair market value  
to complete, not including site, does not exceed ~~one hundred thousand dollars~~  
~~(\$100,000)~~ two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000); and

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-15-302(b) and (c), concerning the  
exemptions to the licensing requirements for architects, are amended to read  
as follows:

(b)(1) The terms of this chapter shall not apply to:

(A) Any public school district exempted from the



provisions of this chapter; or

(B) Every public school district embracing a city with a population in excess of thirty thousand (30,000) which maintains a full-time superintendent of buildings with engineering and architectural experience.

(2) This exception shall only apply:

(A) If the total cumulative and fair market value to complete the repair and maintenance of buildings already constructed and alterations thereof does not exceed the sum of ~~one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)~~ two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000); and

(B) If the total cumulative and fair market value to complete the new structures will not exceed the sum of ~~one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)~~ two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000).

(c) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any public school district, place of assembly, daycare, church, or building not more than one (1) story high where:

(1) The total cumulative and fair market value to complete the building, alteration, or structure does not exceed the sum of ~~one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)~~ two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000); and

(2) *The plans are approved by the State Fire Marshal.*

*SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 22-9-101(b)(2), concerning exceptions to the required observation of public works by registered professionals, is amended to read as follows:*

*(2) For an architectural project does not exceed ~~one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)~~ two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000).*

*SECTION 5. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE AND SUSPENSION OF CURRENT LAW. Review and expiration.*

*(a) The effect of this act shall be reviewed by the House Committee on City, County, and Local Affairs and the Senate Committee on City, County, and Local Affairs on or before October 10, 2022, to determine if the licensing requirements for architects and the exemptions for buildings where the total cumulative and fair market value exceeds a certain dollar amount should either:*

*(1) Remain at two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000); or*

(2) Revert to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

(b) This act is cumulative of existing laws and shall not repeal but merely suspend any law in conflict with this act.

(c) On and after December 31, 2023, the provisions of law suspended by this act shall be effective.

(d) The expiration of this act shall not affect rights acquired under it or affect lawsuits then pending.

/s/Pilkington

APPROVED: 4/5/21