

House File 2692 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to confidential public records, including seals
2 and signatures of licensed architects, licensed landscape
3 architects, and registered interior designers.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 22.7, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
2 following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 24. The seal required pursuant to section
4 544A.28 or 544B.12, and the seal and signature required pursuant
5 to section 544C.14. Any plan or specification to which a seal
6 or signature, as applicable, is affixed shall not be considered a
7 confidential record unless otherwise provided by law.

8 EXPLANATION

9 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
10 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

11 Under current law, a person has the right to examine
12 and copy a public record. Code section 22.7 (confidential
13 records) identifies public records that are required to be kept
14 confidential unless otherwise ordered by a court, by the lawful
15 custodian of the records, or by another person duly authorized to
16 release such information.

17 This bill provides that the seal required for technical
18 submissions by licensed architects under Code section 544A.28
19 and landscape architectural plans and specifications by licensed
20 landscape architects under Code section 544B.12, and the seal
21 and signature required for interior technical submissions by
22 registered interior designers under Code section 544C.14, are
23 confidential records. The bill also provides that plans or
24 specifications that are affixed with a seal or signature are not
25 considered confidential records unless otherwise provided by law.