

STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. I-17-99

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Question: “Must a Building Official accept for review plans for site, structural, mechanical, plumbing and electrical work on a building which have been prepared, signed and sealed by an architect registered in the State of Connecticut?”

Answer: The 1999 State Building Code at Section 114.1 states in part “All construction documents required for a building permit application shall be prepared by a registered design professional consistent with the professional registration laws of the state in which the project is to be constructed.” The crux of the question you pose is whether the work you mention is within the limitations of work which an architect can perform consistently with the registration laws for the State of Connecticut. Connecticut General Statute sets forth laws regarding design professionals at chapters 390, 391, 396 and 396a. I am not authorized to interpret statute and cannot, therefore, answer your question. I suggest you address your concerns to both the Architectural Licensing Board and the State Board of Examiners for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors by seeking a Declaratory Ruling on your question. They can be reached through the Department of Consumer Protection at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.