

88TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 5591

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 10, 1963

Mr. FOGARTY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency

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## A BILL

To provide for the establishment of a National Council on Architecture and Urban Design, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That in order to preserve and promote the pleasing appear-  
4       ance and the livability of community environments, thereby  
5       strengthening the economic and social welfare of the people  
6       of the United States, there is hereby established a temporary  
7       National Council on Architecture and Urban Design, herein-  
8       after referred to as the "Council", which shall conduct a  
9       comprehensive study to appraise the level of architectural and  
10      urban design attainments of the Nation, and formulate goals  
11      thereto; to determine the legal, financial, social, political, or

1 other impediments to architecture and design; to evaluate  
2 the effect of Federal laws and programs, and make recom-  
3 mendations with respect to the proper role and responsibili-  
4 ties of the Federal Government in such areas.

5 SEC. 2. (a) The Council hereby authorized and created  
6 shall be composed of twenty-five members appointed by the  
7 President who shall be representative of the major interests  
8 in community growth and development and who are known  
9 to be informed about architecture and urban design and con-  
10 cerned with the problems of community appearance and  
11 livability. One member shall be designated as chairman by  
12 the President.

13 (b) The Council members shall serve without compen-  
14 sation, except that each member shall be entitled to reim-  
15 bursement for actual travel and subsistence expense incurred  
16 in the services of the Council and each member shall be en-  
17 titled to a per diem allowance not to exceed \$50 per day  
18 when actually engaged in Council business.

19 (c) The Council shall establish headquarters in or near  
20 the District of Columbia and shall convene as soon as practi-  
21 cable following appointment of its members and shall make  
22 such other arrangements as are necessary to carry out the  
23 purposes of this Act.

24 SEC. 3. (a) The Council is authorized, without regard  
25 to the civil service laws and regulations, to appoint and

1 fix the compensation of an executive secretary and such  
2 additional personnel as may be necessary to enable it to  
3 carry out its functions, except that any Federal employees  
4 subject to the civil service laws and regulations who may  
5 be assigned to the Council shall retain civil service status  
6 without interruption or loss of status or privilege.

7 (b) The Council shall request the Secretary of any  
8 Federal Department or head of any independent agency  
9 having a major interest or involvement in community ap-  
10 pearance to appoint, and he shall appoint a liaison officer  
11 who shall work closely with the Council and its staff.

12 (c) The Council shall present a final report to the Presi-  
13 dent and the Congress not later than three years after  
14 enactment of this Act, and shall cease to exist not later  
15 than thirty days thereafter. Such report shall be presented  
16 in such form as to make it of maximum value to State and  
17 local governments and private organizations and individuals  
18 concerned with the subject matter of such report. The  
19 Council, on its own initiative or on request of the President  
20 or the Congress, shall prepare interim reports on particular  
21 phases of its study.

22 SEC. 4. In order to promote greater understanding,  
23 appreciation, and initiative on the part of public officials and  
24 private citizens throughout the country, and to carry out the  
25 other purposes of this Act, the Council is authorized to—

1 (1) reimburse Federal agencies for the expenses of  
2 liaison officers appointed under section 3 (b) and the  
3 rendition of other service;

4 (2) conduct public hearings at such times and  
5 places as are advisable, sponsor conferences, and other-  
6 wise to secure data and expressions of opinion;

7 (3) enter into contracts or agreements for studies  
8 and surveys with other Federal departments and  
9 agencies, and with public or private agencies and  
10 organizations;

11 (4) make annual awards to State and local govern-  
12 ments, public and private organizations and individuals  
13 for outstanding effort and accomplishment in the im-  
14 provement of community appearance and livability.

15 SEC. 5. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated  
16 not more than \$2,000,000 to carry out the purposes of this  
17 Act, and such moneys as may be appropriated shall be avail-  
18 able to the Council until expended.

19 SEC. 6. This Act may be cited as the "Architecture and  
20 Urban Design Act".

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