



**Informal Interpretation Report
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Section 553.791

Question:

Can an Architect or an Engineer perform Florida Building Code inspections services as described in FS 468.603(5) and (8) inspections and/or plan reviews as a duly authorized representative of a private provider and its firm without having to be licensed under FS 468?

Answer:

Yes, as long as they are licensed under 471 or 481.

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Commentary:

With that said, Florida Statute 553 says the private provider may not inspect or review projects they designed. However, here's the tricky part. Section 107.6 of the FBC allows the BO to accept plan review and/or inspections by a registered architect or engineer and it doesn't say they can't be the architect or engineer of record.

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