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Revise as follows:

[A] 104.2.2.2 Preparer qualifications. The technical opinion and report shall be prepared by a qualified engineer, specialist, laboratory or specialty organization where required by the laws of the jurisdiction, acceptable to the building official. The building official is authorized to require design submittals to be prepared by, and bear the stamp of, a registered design professional. When those laws require certification, registration or licensure to establish the preparer's qualification to provide the technical opinion or report, the building official is authorized to confirm that the preparer possesses the required credential.

Reason: The laws of the jurisdiction regarding professional practice requirements should govern the qualifications required to prepare the related technical opinions and reports, not the building official's judgment. The test for whether the preparer is qualified to provide the documentation is established by the state and local regulations governing the practice of the applicable profession. A building official should not be put into a position where they must substitute their judgment to accept or reject the offered documentation when the preparer meets the requirements of those regulations, including any permitted exemptions.

Cost Impact: The change proposal is editorial in nature or a clarification and has no cost impact on the cost of construction

Justification for no cost impact:

The proposed modification makes the code section compliant with the laws of the jurisdiction by clarifying that the section does not supersede state and local laws governing professional practice. It also avoids placing the burden on the building official to decide when specific credentials are required.