

SENATE BILL 293

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By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects – Applicants for Licensure**
3 **– Educational and Experience Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of clarifying the educational and experience requirements for
5 applicants seeking to take the Landscape Architect Registration Examination
6 (LARE); establishing additional criteria for meeting the educational and
7 experience requirements for the LARE applicants; and generally relating to the
8 practice of landscape architecture.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
11 Section 9–303
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2010 Replacement Volume)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

17 9–303.

18 (a) Before an applicant takes the examination given by the Board, the
19 applicant shall qualify under this section by meeting the educational and experience
20 requirements set forth in subsection (b) [or (c)], **(C), (D), OR (E)** of this section.

21 (b) **[(1)]** An applicant qualifies under this section if the applicant:

22 **[(i)] (1)** has been graduated from a college or school of
23 landscape architecture that [the Board approves] **HOLDS ACCREDITED STATUS**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 FROM THE NATIONAL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL ACCREDITATION BOARD;
2 and

3 [(ii) (2) has [practical] AT LEAST 2 YEARS OF work
4 experience in landscape architecture that is:

5 (I) UNDER THE RESPONSIBLE CHARGE OF A LICENSED
6 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT OR OTHER AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL; AND

7 (II) OTHERWISE satisfactory to the Board.

8 [(2) The education and experience of the applicant under this
9 subsection must total at least 6 years.]

10 (c) [(1) An applicant qualifies under this section if the applicant has at
11 least 8 years of practical work experience in landscape architecture that is satisfactory
12 to the Board.

13 (2) The Board may count each full year of study, at a college or school
14 of landscape architecture that the Board approves, as 1 of the years of the work
15 experience required under this subsection.] **AN APPLICANT QUALIFIES UNDER THIS
16 SECTION IF THE APPLICANT:**

17 (1) **HAS BEEN GRADUATED ON COMPLETION OF AT LEAST A
18 4-YEAR CURRICULUM IN A DESIGN-RELATED DISCIPLINE FROM A COLLEGE OR
19 UNIVERSITY THAT IS ACCREDITED BY, OR IS A CONSTITUENT UNIT OF AN
20 INSTITUTION ACCREDITED BY, THE MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION OF
21 COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS OR THE EQUIVALENT REGIONAL ACCREDITING
22 ASSOCIATION OF OTHER REGIONAL AREAS; AND**

23 (2) **HAS AT LEAST 4 YEARS OF WORK EXPERIENCE IN LANDSCAPE
24 ARCHITECTURE THAT IS:**

25 (I) **UNDER THE RESPONSIBLE CHARGE OF A LICENSED
26 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT OR OTHER AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL; AND**

27 (II) **OTHERWISE SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD.**

28 (D) **AN APPLICANT QUALIFIES UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE APPLICANT:**

29 (1) **HAS BEEN GRADUATED ON COMPLETION OF AT LEAST A
30 4-YEAR CURRICULUM IN A NONDESIGN-RELATED DISCIPLINE FROM A COLLEGE
31 OR UNIVERSITY THAT IS ACCREDITED BY, OR IS A CONSTITUENT UNIT OF AN
32 INSTITUTION ACCREDITED BY, THE MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION OF**

1 COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS OR THE EQUIVALENT REGIONAL ACCREDITING
2 ASSOCIATION OF OTHER REGIONAL AREAS; AND

3 (2) HAS AT LEAST 6 YEARS OF PRACTICAL WORK EXPERIENCE IN
4 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE THAT IS:

5 (I) UNDER THE RESPONSIBLE CHARGE OF A LICENSED
6 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT OR OTHER AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL; AND

7 (II) OTHERWISE SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD.

8 (E) (1) AN APPLICANT QUALIFIES UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE
9 APPLICANT:

10 (I) IS A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR THE EQUIVALENT;
11 AND

12 (II) HAS AT LEAST 8 YEARS OF PRACTICAL WORK
13 EXPERIENCE IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE THAT IS:

14 1. UNDER THE RESPONSIBLE CHARGE OF A
15 LICENSED LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT OR OTHER AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL; AND

16 2. OTHERWISE SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD.

17 (2) THE BOARD MAY COUNT EACH FULL YEAR OF STUDY AT A
18 COLLEGE OR SCHOOL OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE THAT MEETS THE
19 CRITERIA SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION AS ONE OF THE
20 YEARS OF THE WORK EXPERIENCE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2011.