

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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CHAPTER _____

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.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

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

5 **[(i)] (1)** has been graduated from a college or school of
 6 landscape architecture that [the Board approves] **HOLDS ACCREDITED STATUS**
 7 **FROM THE NATIONAL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL ACCREDITATION BOARD;**
 8 and

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

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

13 **(II) OTHERWISE** satisfactory to the Board.

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

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

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

23 **(1) HAS BEEN GRADUATED ON COMPLETION OF AT LEAST A**
 24 **4-YEAR CURRICULUM IN A DESIGN-RELATED DISCIPLINE FROM A COLLEGE OR**
 25 **UNIVERSITY THAT IS ACCREDITED BY, OR IS A CONSTITUENT UNIT OF AN**
 26 **INSTITUTION ACCREDITED BY, THE MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION OF**
 27 **COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS OR THE EQUIVALENT REGIONAL ACCREDITING**
 28 **ASSOCIATION OF OTHER REGIONAL AREAS; AND**

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

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

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

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

2 **(1) HAS BEEN GRADUATED ON COMPLETION OF AT LEAST A**
3 **4-YEAR CURRICULUM IN A NONDESIGN-RELATED DISCIPLINE FROM A COLLEGE**
4 **OR UNIVERSITY THAT IS ACCREDITED BY, OR IS A CONSTITUENT UNIT OF AN**
5 **INSTITUTION ACCREDITED BY, THE MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION OF**
6 **COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS OR THE EQUIVALENT REGIONAL ACCREDITING**
7 **ASSOCIATION OF OTHER REGIONAL AREAS; AND**

8 **(2) HAS AT LEAST 6 YEARS OF PRACTICAL WORK EXPERIENCE IN**
9 **LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE THAT IS:**

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

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

13 **(E) (1) AN APPLICANT QUALIFIES UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE**
14 **APPLICANT:**

15 **(I) IS A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR THE EQUIVALENT;**
16 **AND**

17 **(II) HAS AT LEAST 8 YEARS OF PRACTICAL WORK**
18 **EXPERIENCE IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE THAT IS:**

19 **1. UNDER THE RESPONSIBLE CHARGE OF A**
20 **LICENSED LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT OR OTHER AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL; AND**

21 **2. OTHERWISE SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD.**

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

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