

HOUSE BILL 702

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Economic Matters/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs* —

Introduced by **Delegates Vaughn, Haddaway–Riccio, Howard, McHale, Schulz, Swain, and Valentino–Smith**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Professional Land Surveyors – Licensure Qualifications – Revisions**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain applicants for a license to practice land
4 surveying to apply for a license on or before a certain date to qualify for
5 licensure with certain qualifications; altering certain educational, experiential,
6 and examination requirements for applicants for a license to practice land
7 surveying; authorizing the Board of Professional Land Surveyors to waive
8 certain examination requirements or require certain applicants for a license to
9 practice land surveying in the State to pass certain ~~examination requirements~~
10 examinations; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to
11 revisions to licensure qualifications for professional land surveyors.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Business Occupations and Professions

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 Section 15–305 and 15–311
 2 Annotated Code of Maryland
 3 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

6 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

7 15–305.

8 (a) In addition to the other qualifications for a license to practice land
 9 surveying, an applicant shall qualify under this section by meeting the educational,
 10 experience, and examination requirements set forth in subsection (b), (c), (d), or (e) of
 11 this section.

12 (b) An applicant qualifies under this section if the applicant:

13 ~~(1) has [been] graduated from a college or university [upon] ON~~
 14 ~~completion of at least a 4-year curriculum [in] THAT INCLUDES FROM A COLLEGE~~
 15 ~~OR UNIVERSITY THAT IS ACCREDITED BY, OR IS A CONSTITUENT UNIT OF AN~~
 16 ~~INSTITUTION ACCREDITED BY, THE MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION OF~~
 17 ~~COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OR THE EQUIVALENT REGIONAL ACCREDITING~~
 18 ~~ASSOCIATION OF OTHER REGIONAL AREAS AND POSSESSES, BEGINNING ON~~
 19 ~~OCTOBER 1, 2023, A MINIMUM OF 32 CREDIT HOURS OF land surveying that the~~
 20 ~~Board approves;~~

21 **(1) HAS GRADUATED ON COMPLETION OF AT LEAST A 4-YEAR**
 22 **CURRICULUM FROM A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY THAT IS ACCREDITED BY, OR IS A**
 23 **CONSTITUENT UNIT OF AN INSTITUTION ACCREDITED BY, THE MIDDLE STATES**
 24 **ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OR THE EQUIVALENT REGIONAL**
 25 **ACCREDITING ASSOCIATION OF OTHER REGIONAL AREAS;**

26 ~~(2) has passed the examination in the fundamentals of LAND~~
 27 ~~surveying **BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2023, POSSESSES A MINIMUM OF 32**~~
 28 ~~**CREDIT HOURS OF LAND SURVEYING-RELATED COURSES THAT THE BOARD**~~
 29 ~~**APPROVES;**~~

30 (3) **(1) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2017,** has [a specific
 31 record of] at least ~~[2]~~ **4** years [of progressive office and field] **OF** experience in land
 32 surveying [of a grade and character] that is satisfactory to the Board and that
 33 indicates to the Board that the applicant may be competent to practice land surveying;
 34 ~~and~~ **OR**

1 (II) BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2017, HAS AT LEAST 4
 2 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN LAND SURVEYING THAT IS SATISFACTORY TO THE
 3 BOARD AND THAT INDICATES TO THE BOARD THAT THE APPLICANT MAY BE
 4 COMPETENT TO PRACTICE LAND SURVEYING; AND

5 (4) has passed the following examinations:

6 (I) FUNDAMENTALS OF SURVEYING;

7 ~~(ii) (II) A WRITTEN EXAMINATION IN~~ the principles and
 8 practice of ~~LAND~~ surveying; and

9 ~~(iii) (III)~~ unless excused by the Board, State-specific
 10 examination modules specified and approved by the Board that pertain to the practice
 11 of surveying in the State.

12 (c) An applicant qualifies under this section if the applicant:

13 (1) **APPLIES FOR A LICENSE ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2023;**

14 [(1) (2)] has [been] graduated [upon] ON completion of at least a
 15 4-year curriculum from a college or university that is accredited by, or is a constituent
 16 unit of an institution accredited by, the Middle States Association of Colleges and
 17 Schools or the equivalent regional accrediting association of other regional areas;

18 [(2) (3)] ~~has passed the examination in the fundamentals of LAND~~
 19 ~~surveying;~~

20 ~~[(3) (4)] (I)~~ ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2017, has [a
 21 specific record of] at least ~~[4] 6~~ years [of progressive office and field] OF experience in
 22 land surveying [of a grade and character] that is satisfactory to the Board and that
 23 indicates to the Board that the applicant may be competent to practice land surveying;
 24 ~~and~~ OR

25 (II) BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2017, HAS AT LEAST 6
 26 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN LAND SURVEYING THAT IS SATISFACTORY TO THE
 27 BOARD AND THAT INDICATES TO THE BOARD THAT THE APPLICANT MAY BE
 28 COMPETENT TO PRACTICE LAND SURVEYING; AND

29 [(4) ~~(5)~~ (4)] has passed the following examinations:

30 (I) FUNDAMENTALS OF SURVEYING;

31 ~~(ii) (II) A WRITTEN EXAMINATION IN~~ the principles and
 32 practice of ~~LAND~~ surveying; and

1 ~~(ii)~~ **(III)** unless excused by the Board, State-specific
 2 examination modules specified and approved by the Board that pertain to the practice
 3 of surveying in the State.

4 (d) (1) An applicant qualifies under this section if the applicant:

5 **(I) APPLIES FOR A LICENSE ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31,**
 6 **2025;**

7 **[(i)] (II)** is a high school graduate or the equivalent;

8 **[(ii)] (III)** subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, has [a
 9 specific record of] at least 12 years [of progressive office and field] experience in land
 10 surveying [of a grade and character] that is satisfactory to the Board and that
 11 indicates to the Board that the applicant may be competent to practice land surveying;
 12 and

13 **[(iii)] (IV)** has passed the following examinations:

14 1. ~~A WRITTEN EXAMINATION IN~~ the principles and
 15 practice of ~~LAND~~ surveying; and

16 2. unless excused by the Board, State-specific
 17 examination modules specified and approved by the Board that pertain to the practice
 18 of surveying in the State.

19 (2) For each 30 semester hours or its equivalent that an applicant
 20 completes in land surveying-RELATED courses that the Board approves, the Board
 21 may allow a 1-year credit towards the experience requirements of paragraph **[(1)(ii)]**
 22 **(1)(III)** of this subsection for a maximum of 3 years.

23 (e) (1) An applicant qualifies under this section if the applicant:

24 ~~(I) APPLIES FOR A LICENSE ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31,~~
 25 ~~2023;~~

26 ~~[(i)] (II) (I)~~ is a high school graduate or the equivalent AND;

27 (II) BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2023, POSSESSES A
 28 MINIMUM OF 32 CREDIT HOURS OF LAND SURVEYING-RELATED COURSES THAT
 29 THE BOARD APPROVES;

30 ~~[(ii)] (III) (II) (III)~~ subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, has
 31 [a specific record of] at least **[8] 4** years OF [of progressive office and field] experience

1 in land surveying [of a grade and character] that is satisfactory to the Board and that
 2 indicates to the Board that the applicant may be competent to practice land surveying;

3 ~~[(iii)] (IV) (III)~~ has passed ~~[the] A WRITTEN THE~~ examination
 4 ~~in the fundamentals of LAND surveying;~~

5 ~~(v) (IV) HAS AT LEAST 4 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN LAND~~
 6 ~~SURVEYING THAT IS SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD AND THAT INDICATES TO~~
 7 ~~THE BOARD THAT THE APPLICANT MAY BE COMPETENT TO PRACTICE LAND~~
 8 ~~SURVEYING; and~~

9 ~~[(iv)] (VI) (V)~~ has passed the following examinations:

10 1. FUNDAMENTALS OF SURVEYING;

11 ~~1. 2. A WRITTEN EXAMINATION IN~~ the principles and
 12 practice of ~~LAND~~ surveying; and

13 ~~2. 3.~~ unless excused by the Board, State-specific
 14 examination modules specified and approved by the Board that pertain to the practice
 15 of surveying in the State.

16 (2) For each 30 semester hours or its equivalent that an applicant
 17 completes in land surveying-RELATED courses that the Board approves, the Board
 18 may allow a 1-year credit towards the experience requirements of paragraph ~~[(1)(ii)]~~
 19 ~~(1)(III) (1)(II) (1)(III)~~ of this subsection for a maximum of 3 years.

20 15-311.

21 (a) Subject to the provisions of this section, the Board may waive any
 22 examination requirement **OR ANY PART OF AN EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT** of
 23 this subtitle for an individual who is licensed to practice land surveying in another
 24 state.

25 (b) The Board may grant a waiver under this section only if the applicant:

26 (1) is of good character and reputation;

27 (2) pays to the Board:

28 (i) the nonrefundable application fee set by the Board under §
 29 15-306 of this subtitle; and

30 (ii) the license fee set by the Board; and

1 (3) provides adequate evidence that, at the time the applicant was
2 licensed by the other state, the applicant met requirements that were equivalent to
3 those then required by the laws of this State.

4 **(C) THE BOARD MAY REQUIRE AN APPLICANT UNDER THIS SECTION TO:**

5 **(1) PASS THE STATE-SPECIFIC PART OF ~~A WRITTEN~~ AN**
6 **EXAMINATION; AND**

7 **(2) PASS ANY PART OF A NATIONALLY ADMINISTERED**
8 **EXAMINATION THAT THE APPLICANT HAS PREVIOUSLY FAILED.**

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2014.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.