

SENATE BILL 84

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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 – License Renewal –**
3 **Continuing Professional Competency Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting, subject to certain exceptions, the State Board of
5 Examiners of Landscape Architects from renewing for a second or subsequent
6 time a license to practice landscape architecture unless the licensee
7 demonstrates continuing professional competency by completing a certain
8 number of hours of professional development activities approved by the Board;
9 requiring the Board to waive certain continuing professional competency
10 requirements for license renewal under certain circumstances; and generally
11 relating to continuing professional competency requirements for license renewal
12 by the State Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Business Occupations and Professions
15 Section 9–309
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

21 9–309.

22 (a) Unless a license is renewed for a 2–year term as provided in this section,
23 the license expires on the first June 30 that comes:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) after the effective date of the license; and

2 (2) in an even-numbered year.

3 (b) At least 1 month before a license expires, the Board shall mail to the
4 licensee, at the last known address of the licensee:

5 (1) a renewal application form; and

6 (2) a notice that states:

7 (i) the date on which the current license expires;

8 (ii) the date by which the Board must receive the renewal
9 application for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires; and

10 (iii) the amount of the license fee.

11 (c) (1) Before a license expires, the licensee periodically may renew it for
12 an additional 2-year term, if the licensee:

13 [(1)] (I) otherwise is entitled to be licensed;

14 [(2)] (II) pays to the Board the license fee set by the Board; and

15 [(3)] (III) submits to the Board a renewal application on the form that
16 the Board provides.

17 (2) **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION,**
18 **IF A LICENSE HAS BEEN RENEWED ONCE PREVIOUSLY UNDER THIS SECTION,**
19 **THE BOARD MAY NOT RENEW THE LICENSE FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT**
20 **TIME UNLESS THE LICENSEE SUBMITS TO THE BOARD EVIDENCE THAT THE**
21 **LICENSEE HAS DEMONSTRATED CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY BY**
22 **SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING AT LEAST 24 HOURS OF PROFESSIONAL**
23 **DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES APPROVED BY THE BOARD.**

24 (d) The Board shall renew the license of each licensee who meets the
25 requirements of this section.

26 (e) The Secretary may determine that licenses issued under this subtitle
27 shall expire on a staggered basis.

28 (F) (1) **THE BOARD SHALL WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER**
29 **SUBSECTION (C)(2) OF THIS SECTION FOR A LICENSEE WHOSE LICENSE EXPIRES**
30 **ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2015.**

1 **(2) THE BOARD SHALL WAIVE 50% OF THE PROFESSIONAL**
2 **DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES HOURS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(2) OF**
3 **THIS SECTION FOR A LICENSEE WHOSE LICENSE EXPIRES ON OR AFTER**
4 **OCTOBER 1, 2015, BUT BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2016.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2013.