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A BILL

То	amend sections 4703.02 and 4703.33 of the	1
	Revised Code to make changes governing the	2
	architects board and the landscape architects	3
	board regarding continuing education	4
	requirements.	5

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 4703.02 and 4703.33 of the	6
Revised Code be amended to read as follows:	7
Sec. 4703.02. The architects board shall organize by	8
electing from its membership a president and a secretary, and	9
also a vice-president and an assistant secretary, who shall act	10
during absence or disability of the president or secretary	11
respectively.	12
The board shall adopt all necessary rules, regulations,	13
and bylaws, not inconsistent with sections 4703.01 to 4703.19 of	14
the Revised Code and the constitutions and laws of this state or	15
of the United States, to govern its times and places of meeting	16
for organization and reorganization, for the holding of	17

examinations, and for fixing the length of the term of its			
officers. The board, under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, may			
adopt, promulgate, and enforce rules governing the standards of			
education, service, conduct, and practice to be followed in the			
practice of the profession of architecture in the state,			
including rules for the enforcement of sections 4703.01 to			
4703.19 of the Revised Code. The board shall include among the			
rules adopted governing the standards of practice, requirements			
regarding financial responsibility and professional liability			
insurance. The board may adopt rules pertaining to the			
satisfactory completion of continuing education requirements.			

If the board adopts rules pertaining to continuing-29 education requirements, the board shall specify in the rules 30 that the continuing education requirements may be satisfied by 31 coursework or activities dealing with technical, ethical, or 32 managerial topics relevant to the practice of architecture and 33 that a registrant may earn continuing professional education-34 hours by completing or teaching university or college level 35 coursework; attending seminars, workshops, or conferences; 36 authoring relevant published papers, articles, or books; 37 receiving patent awards; actively participating in professional 38 or technical societies serving the architecture profession, or 39 actively participating in any other activity deemed relevant by 40 the board. If the board adopts rules pertaining to continuing 41 education requirements, the board shall, in general, follow 42 model continuing education recommendations established by the 43 national council of architectural registration boards or a 44 similar successor organization. 45

The board shall issue to each successful examination 46
applicant a certificate of qualification to practice 47
architecture and shall impress on each certificate issued the 48

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seal of the board.	49
The secretary of the board shall be responsible for	50
keeping a true and complete record of all proceedings of the	51
board. The board may employ an executive secretary,	52
investigators, and clerical assistance it determines necessary.	53
Sec. 4703.33. (A) The Ohio landscape architects board, in	54
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, may adopt,	55
amend, and enforce rules governing the standards for education,	56
experience, services, conduct, and practice to be followed in	57
the practice of the profession of landscape architecture and	58
rules pertaining to the satisfactory completion of continuing	59
education requirements. If the board adopts rules pertaining to	60
continuing education requirements, the board shall specify in-	61
the rules that the continuing education requirements may be	62
satisfied by coursework or activities dealing with technical,	63
ethical, or managerial topics relevant to the practice of	64
landscape architecture and that a registrant may earn continuing	65
professional education hours by completing or teaching	66
university or college level coursework; attending seminars,	67
workshops, or conferences; authoring relevant published papers,	68
articles, or books; receiving patent awards; actively-	69
participating in professional or technical societies serving the	70
landscape architecture profession, or actively participating in	71
any other activity deemed relevant by the board. If the board	72
adopts rules pertaining to continuing education requirements,	73
the board shall, in general, follow model continuing education	74
recommendations established by the council of landscape	75
architectural registration boards or a similar successor	76
organization.	77

(B) The board, or the board's designee, shall hold

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examinations not less than once annually and shall register as a	79
landscape architect each applicant who demonstrates to the	80
satisfaction of the board that the applicant has met all the	81
requirements of section 4703.34 of the Revised Code.	82
(C) The board shall issue to each individual registered	83
pursuant to this section a certificate of qualification.	84
(D) The board shall appoint at least one of its members as	85
a delegate to each regional and annual meeting of the council of	86
landscape architectural registration boards.	87
Section 2. That existing sections 4703.02 and 4703.33 of	88
the Revised Code are hereby repealed.	89