

AN ACT

To amend sections 4703.02 and 4703.33 of the Revised Code to make changes governing the architects board and the landscape architects board regarding continuing education requirements.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That sections 4703.02 and 4703.33 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4703.02. The architects board shall organize by electing from its membership a president and a secretary, and also a vice-president and an assistant secretary, who shall act during absence or disability of the president or secretary respectively.

The board shall adopt all necessary rules, regulations, and bylaws, not inconsistent with sections 4703.01 to 4703.19 of the Revised Code and the constitutions and laws of this state or of the United States, to govern its times and places of meeting for organization and reorganization, for the holding of 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 education requirements, the board shall specify in the rules that the continuing education requirements may be satisfied by coursework or activities dealing with technical, ethical, or managerial topics relevant to the practice of architecture and that a registrant may earn continuing professional education hours by completing or teaching university or college level coursework; attending seminars, workshops, or conferences; authoring relevant published papers, articles, or books; receiving patent awards; actively participating in professional or technical societies serving the architecture profession, or actively participating in any other activity deemed relevant by the board.~~ If the board adopts rules pertaining to continuing education requirements, the board shall, in general, follow model continuing education recommendations established by the national council of architectural registration boards or a similar successor organization.

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

The secretary of the board shall be responsible for keeping a true and complete record of all proceedings of the board. The board may employ an executive secretary, investigators, and clerical assistance it determines necessary.

Sec. 4703.33. (A) The Ohio landscape architects board, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, may adopt, amend, and enforce rules governing the standards for education, experience, services, conduct, and practice to be followed in the practice of the profession of landscape architecture and rules pertaining to the satisfactory completion of continuing education requirements. ~~If the board adopts rules pertaining to continuing education requirements, the board shall specify in the rules that the continuing education requirements may be satisfied by coursework or activities dealing with technical, ethical, or managerial topics relevant to the practice of landscape architecture and that a registrant may earn continuing professional education hours by completing or teaching university or college level coursework; attending seminars, workshops, or conferences; authoring relevant published papers, articles, or books; receiving patent awards; actively participating in professional or technical societies serving the landscape architecture profession, or actively participating in any other activity deemed relevant by the board.~~ If the board adopts rules pertaining to continuing education requirements, the board shall, in general, follow model continuing education recommendations established by the council of landscape architectural registration boards or a similar successor organization.

(B) The board, or the board's designee, shall hold examinations not less than once annually and shall register as a landscape architect each applicant who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant has met all the requirements of section 4703.34 of the Revised Code.

(C) The board shall issue to each individual registered pursuant to this section a certificate of qualification.

(D) The board shall appoint at least one of its members as a delegate to each regional and annual meeting of the council of landscape architectural registration boards.

SECTION 2. That existing sections 4703.02 and 4703.33 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

Approved _____, 20____

Governor.

The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

Director, Legislative Service Commission.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio, on the ____ day of _____, A. D. 20 ____.

Secretary of State.

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