



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 158

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The Committee on General Law reported through SEN. LEONE of the 27th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT LICENSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-370 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 No person shall receive a license under the provisions of this
4 chapter until [he] such person has passed an examination which shall
5 include the uniform national examination established by the Council of
6 Landscape Architectural Boards for examination of candidates for
7 licensure as landscape architects and such technical and professional
8 subjects as may be prescribed by the board with the consent of the
9 Commissioner of Consumer Protection. Any person who has
10 completed the course of study in and been graduated from a college or
11 school of landscape architecture approved by the board may apply for
12 such examination, provided [he] such person shall submit evidence of
13 a minimum of two years' practical experience under the direct
14 supervision of a licensed landscape architect. In lieu of such
15 graduation from an accredited college or school of landscape

16 architecture and such practical experience, an applicant may be
 17 admitted to the examination upon presenting evidence of [at least
 18 eight years of actual, practical experience in landscape architectural
 19 work of a grade and character satisfactory to the board] his or her
 20 education and practical experience that is satisfactory to the board,
 21 with the consent of the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, which
 22 shall be of a character satisfactory to indicate knowledge, skill and
 23 practical experience approximating that attained through at least two
 24 years of practical experience under the direct supervision of a licensed
 25 landscape architect and graduation from a college or school of
 26 landscape architecture approved by the board. If the applicant's
 27 examination is satisfactory, upon payment of the license fee fixed by
 28 section 20-374, the board shall authorize the Department of Consumer
 29 Protection to issue a license to the applicant, showing that the person
 30 named therein passed the examination and is entitled to practice
 31 landscape architecture in this state in accordance with the provisions
 32 of this chapter.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	20-370

GL *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in no fiscal impact to the state as it does not alter the duties or responsibilities of the licensing board for landscape architects within the Department of Consumer Protection.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 158*****AN ACT CONCERNING LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT LICENSES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill reduces, for certain applicants, the amount of practical experience needed to take the state landscape architect examination.

Under current law, a person can sit for the examination if he or she:

1. (a) completes a course of study and graduates from a college or school of landscape architecture approved by the State Board of Landscape Architects and (b) has at least two years of practical experience supervised by a licensed landscape architect or
2. presents evidence of at least eight years of actual, practical experience in landscape architectural work of a grade and character that the board approves.

The bill eliminates the option for eight years of board-approved experience. Instead, it permits candidates to sit for the examination if they present evidence of education and practical experience showing knowledge, skill, and experience similar to that obtained through the combination of (1) two years of directly supervised experience and (2) graduation from a board-approved school. The evidence must be approved by the board, with the consumer protection commissioner's consent.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 5 (03/12/2015)