

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 200

BY REPRESENTATIVE ANDERS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HORTICULTURE/COMMISSION: Provides relative to the licensing of landscape architects

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:3806(A)(2), 3807(B)(5) and (E), and 3808(E)(4) through (7)
3 and to enact R.S. 3:3808(E)(8), relative to licensing of landscape architects; to
4 provide for fees and examinations; to provide for terms and conditions of licenses
5 and permits; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 3:3806(A)(2), 3807(B)(5) and (E), and 3808(E)(4) through (7) are
8 hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 3:3808(E)(8) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §3806. Fees

10 A.

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12 (2) The examination fee for each examination for a professional license for
13 landscape architects shall be ~~the cost incurred~~ established by the commission ~~in~~
14 ~~obtaining the national examination plus an administrative fee, by rule in an amount~~
15 not to exceed two hundred dollars, which represents the cost of administering and
16 grading the ~~examination~~ Louisiana Landscape Architect Examination.

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18 §3807. Examinations

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1 B. The examination for each profession shall be compiled from lists of
2 questions submitted by the following organizations:

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4 (5) The national landscape architect examination shall be prepared by the
5 Council of Landscape ~~Architects~~ Architectural Registration ~~Board~~ Boards, or its
6 successor. ~~supplemented with such other questions as shall be determined by the~~
7 ~~commission.~~ The Louisiana Landscape Architect Examination shall be compiled
8 from a list of questions approved by the commission.

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10 E. The commission may enter into reciprocal agreements with licensing
11 agencies in other states to provide that applicants for a landscape architect's license
12 who are licensed in another state as a result of passing an examination which was
13 approved by the Council of Landscape ~~Architects~~ Architectural Registration ~~Board~~
14 Boards, or its successor, shall be given credit for having passed that examination and
15 will be required ~~only~~ to pass the Louisiana Landscape Architect Examination. ~~section~~
16 ~~of the examination to be licensed in Louisiana.~~

17 §3808. Terms and conditions of licenses and permits

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19 E. Landscape architects shall be subject to the following provisions:

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21 (4) In order to qualify to take the national landscape architect examination
22 ~~for the landscape architect's license~~, the applicant shall meet ~~one of the qualifications~~
23 ~~set forth in this Paragraph.~~ ~~The applicant shall submit evidence of qualification in~~
24 ~~the form required by the commission by rule.~~ ~~The applicant shall indicate on the~~
25 ~~application which qualification the applicant meets.~~ ~~The qualifications are:~~ the
26 minimum qualification standards approved by the Council of Landscape
27 Architectural Registration Boards, or its successor.

28 (a) ~~The applicant is the holder of a professional degree from a school whose~~
29 ~~curriculum has been accredited by the accrediting entity approved by the American~~

Present law provides that the examination fee for a professional license for landscape architects shall be the cost incurred by the Horticulture Commission for the national examination plus an administrative fee not to exceed \$200.

Proposed law modifies present law by requiring the commission to establish the cost of the examination by rule in an amount not to exceed \$200 for administering and grading the La. Landscape Architect Examination.

Present law provides that questions for the landscape architect examination must be compiled by the Council of Landscape Architects Registration Boards (CLARB) and supplemented with other questions as determined by the commission.

Proposed law modifies present law by requiring CLARB, or its successor, to prepare the national landscape architect examination. Provides that questions compiled for the La. Landscape Architect Examination be approved by the commission.

Present law establishes reciprocity for landscape architect licensees who are licensed in another state upon passing an examination approved by CLARB and specifies that they shall be given such credit and required to pass only the La. portion of the examination to be licensed in this state.

Proposed law maintains reciprocity for licensees of other states who have passed an examination approved by CLARB and provides for credit of such examination. Additionally requires the applicant to pass the La. Landscape Architect Examination.

Present law provides for qualifications necessary to take the landscape architect's license examination which consists of certain education requirements, practical experience, or a combination of education and experience deemed acceptable by the commission.

Proposed law requires that an applicant meet the minimum qualification standards approved by CLARB in order to take the national landscape architect examination. Further requires the applicant to submit evidence of passing the national examination prepared by CLARB, or its successor, in order to qualify to take the La. Landscape Architect Examination.

(Amends R.S. 3:3806(A)(2), 3807(B)(5) and (E), and 3808(E)(4)-(7); Adds R.S. 3:3808(E)(8))