CHAPTER 206
FORMERLY
SENATE BILL NO. 81

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS.

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

Section 1. Amend Title 24, Chapter 3 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underlining as follows:

§ 307 Application procedures.

(a) An applicant who is applying for initial registration under this chapter shall have the following qualifications:

(2) The applicant shall have completed a minimum of 3 years of practical training in architectural work acceptable to the Board. This requirement may be satisfied by participation in an intern development program. The Board shall adopt regulations governing practical training which are consistent with the guidelines of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

(f) Any applicant who applies for a license within 6 years from the effective date of this law may petition the Board to waive the requirements of paragraph (a)(1) of this section, but only if, in the Board's judgment, the applicant complies with the "Education and Training Requirements for Delaware Licensure."

Section 2. Amend Title 24, Chapter 3 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underlining as follows:

§ 308 Examination of applicants.

(a) An applicant who meets the requirements of § 307 of this title for initial registration under this Chapter shall be required to pass an examination adopted by the Board and graded by a national testing administrator. The Board, or its agent, shall, at least once per year, provide for the administration and grading of such examination. Where an applicant has failed to pass the examination, but has successfully completed and passed certain portions or sections of the examination, the applicant shall in the next subsequent examination be tested only for those portions or section which the applicant has previously failed.

Section 3. Amend Title 24, Chapter 3 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underlining as follows:

§ 309 Reciprocity.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, every applicant shall be granted a certificate of registration if the applicant holds a current and valid registration issued by a registration authority recognized by the Board and meets the requirements as set forth in § 307 of this title, or holds a National Council of Architectural Registration Boards certificate, and files an application with the Board, upon a form prescribed by the Board, containing such information concerning the applicant, as the Board considers pertinent; provided, however, that the Board may refuse or reject any such applicant on the same grounds as set forth in § 307(e) of this title. An application for registration by reciprocity shall be accompanied by full payment of the reciprocity fee.

(a) Upon payment of the application fee and submission and acceptance of a written application on forms provided by the Board, the Board shall grant a license to each applicant who:

(1) holds an NCARB certificate; or

(2) presents proof of current registration in good standing in another jurisdiction whose standards for licensure are substantially similar to those of this State; or

(3) is licensed in a jurisdiction whose standards for licensure are not substantially similar to those of this State but who has held an active license in good standing in that jurisdiction for a minimum of five years and holds a NAAB accredited professional degree in architecture or such other education as the Board deems equivalent; or

(4) is licensed in a jurisdiction whose standards for licensure are not substantially similar to those of this State but who has held an active license in good standing in that jurisdiction for a minimum of thirteen years.

   (b) An applicant who is applying for licensure by reciprocity must also meet the requirements of §307(c) of this Chapter.

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