

A Bill for an Act Relating to Architects.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to:

- (1) Establish the requirement that all candidates for the registration exam for licensure to practice architecture in the State of Hawaii have completed a post-graduate program of training that bridges the gap between formal education and professional practice as a registered architect; and
- (2) Require that this program of training be administered by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

SECTION 2. Section 464-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) No person shall be eligible for licensure as a professional architect unless:

- (1) The person is the holder of an unexpired license issued to the person by any jurisdiction, domestic or foreign, in which the requirements for licensure at the time the person was first licensed are of a standard satisfactory to the board; provided that if the board is in doubt as to whether the standards are satisfactory, or as to whether the holder was required to fully comply with them, it shall require that the holder successfully pass a written examination, prescribed by the board and designed to test the holder’s knowledge, skill, and competency in the profession of architecture;
- (2) The person is the holder of a masters degree in architecture from an institution of higher education approved by the board; is a graduate of a school or college approved by the board as of satisfactory standing and has completed an architectural curriculum of five years or more; has had two years of full-time lawful experience in architecture work of a character satisfactory to the board, or part-time experience which the board finds to be the equivalent thereof; and has successfully passed a professional written examination, prescribed by the board and designed to test the person’s knowledge, skill, and competency in the profession of architecture;
- (3) The person is a graduate of a school or college approved by the board as of satisfactory standing, and has completed an architectural curriculum of five years; has had three years of full-time lawful experience in architecture work of a character satisfactory to the board, or part-time experience which the board finds to be the equivalent thereof; and has successfully passed a professional written examination, prescribed by the board and designed to test the person’s knowledge, skill, and competency in the profession of architecture;
- (4) The person is a graduate of a school or college approved by the board as of satisfactory standing and has completed an architectural curriculum of four years or a pre-architecture or arts and science curriculum of four years or more; has had five years of full-time lawful experience in architecture work of a character satisfactory to the board, or part-time experience which the board finds to be the equivalent thereof; and has successfully passed a professional written examination, prescribed by

- the board and designed to test the person's knowledge, skill, and competency in the profession of architecture;
- (5) The person is a graduate of a community college or other technical training school approved by the board as of satisfactory standing, and has completed an architectural technology curriculum of two years or more; has had eight years of full-time lawful experience in architecture work of a character satisfactory to the board, or part-time experience which the board finds to be the equivalent thereof; and has successfully passed a professional written examination, prescribed by the board and designed to test the person's knowledge, skill, and competency in the profession of architecture; or
 - (6) The person has had eleven years of full-time lawful experience in architecture work of a character satisfactory to the board, or part-time experience which the board finds to be the equivalent thereof; and has successfully passed a professional written examination, prescribed by the board and designed to test the person's knowledge, skill, and competency in the profession of architecture[.];

provided that those persons who qualify under paragraphs (2) through (6), as of June 30, 2000, shall be required to fulfill the requirements of the Intern Development Program of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards or of any similar program satisfactory to the board. For paragraphs (2) and (3), the intern development program shall fulfill the experience requirement. For paragraphs (4), (5), and (6), time participating in the intern development program shall be credited toward the experience requirement.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 21, 1997.)