

SENATE BILL No. 593

May 20, 2009, Introduced by Senator SWITALSKI and referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 1980 PA 299, entitled
"Occupational code,"
by amending sections 2004 and 2005 (MCL 339.2004 and 339.2005),
section 2004 as amended by 1988 PA 463 and section 2005 as amended
by 1998 PA 90.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 2004. (1) In order to be licensed as an architect, an
2 individual shall meet all of the following:

3 (a) The requirements prescribed in section 2005(1).

4 (b) Pass an examination which tests the applicant's
5 qualifications to practice architecture or provide equivalent proof
6 of qualification acceptable to the department and the board OF

1 **ARCHITECTS.**

2 (c) Be of good moral character.

3 **(D) PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF NOT LESS THAN 8 YEARS OF**
 4 **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN ARCHITECTURAL WORK SATISFACTORY TO THE**
 5 **BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, INCLUDING NOT MORE THAN 6 YEARS OF EDUCATION.**

6 (2) In order to be licensed as a professional engineer, an
 7 individual shall meet all of the following:

8 (a) The requirements prescribed in section 2005(2).

9 (b) Pass the engineering fundamentals and professional
 10 practice examinations or provide equivalent proof of qualification
 11 to practice professional engineering acceptable to the department
 12 and the board.

13 (c) Be of good moral character.

14 (3) In order to be licensed as a land surveyor, an individual
 15 shall meet all of the following:

16 (a) The requirements prescribed in section 2005(3).

17 (b) Pass the land surveying fundamentals and professional
 18 practice examinations or provide equivalent proof of qualification
 19 to practice land surveying acceptable to the department and the
 20 board.

21 (c) Be of good moral character.

22 Sec. 2005. (1) To be examined as an architect, an applicant
 23 shall meet all of the following requirements:

24 ~~—— (a) Provide documentation of not less than 8 years of~~
 25 ~~professional experience in architectural work satisfactory to the~~
 26 ~~board of architects, including not more than 6 years of education.~~

27 **(A)** ~~(b)~~ Provide evidence of completion of a first professional

1 degree or further degree in architecture satisfactory to the board
2 of architects.

3 (B) ~~(e)~~—Provide not less than 5 references, 3 of which shall
4 be references from licensed architects who have personal knowledge
5 of the applicant's professional experience.

6 (2) In order to be examined as a professional engineer, an
7 individual shall meet all of the following requirements for
8 admission to the professional practice examination:

9 (a) Provide documentation of not less than 8 years of
10 professional experience in engineering work acceptable to the board
11 of professional engineers, including not more than 6 years of
12 education.

13 (b) Provide evidence of completion of a baccalaureate degree
14 in engineering from an accredited program or its equivalent, as
15 determined by the board of professional engineers.

16 (c) Provide not less than 5 references, 3 of which shall be
17 from professional engineers who have personal knowledge of the
18 applicant's professional experience.

19 (3) In order to be examined as a professional surveyor, an
20 individual shall meet all of the following requirements:

21 (a) For admission to the professional surveying fundamentals
22 examination, an applicant shall provide an affidavit stating that a
23 degree acceptable to the board shall be completed not later than 6
24 months after the date of the examination.

25 (b) For admission to the professional practice examination, an
26 applicant shall provide all of the following:

27 (i) Documentation of not less than 8 years of professional

1 experience in professional surveying satisfactory to the board of
2 professional surveyors, including not more than 5 years of
3 education.

4 (ii) Evidence of completion of a degree in professional
5 surveying or a related degree with professional surveying courses
6 acceptable to the board of professional surveyors.

7 (iii) Not less than 5 references, 3 of which shall be from
8 licensed professional surveyors who have personal knowledge of the
9 applicant's professional experience.

10 (4) The examination required by this article shall be given at
11 least once a year.

12 (5) An examinee shall be notified in writing of the examinee's
13 results on each part of the examination.

14 (6) Notwithstanding section 316(3), an individual with a
15 mental or physical disability may be tested using special
16 equipment, facilities, or assistance. However, the examination
17 shall not be varied in form, content, or the format in which
18 answers are submitted.

19 (7) All requirements for licensure shall be completed within
20 10 years after receipt of the application by the department. If the
21 requirements are not completed within the 10-year period, the
22 application shall be void.