**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 40-28-110 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO LICENSING AND REGISTRATION OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, TO CLARIFY THE EXPERIENCE NEEDED TO FULFILL THE TWO-YEAR SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 40-28-110 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 40-28-110. To be eligible for registration and licensing as a professional landscape architect in South Carolina an applicant shall read and write the English language and:

(1) be a graduate of an accredited landscape architectural curriculum approved by the department, satisfactorily pass a written examination as prescribed by the department, and (a) have had two years of varied landscape architectural experience under the supervision of a landscape architect registered under this chapter or other qualified person, or (b) other experience approved by the department~~, and satisfactorily pass a written examination as prescribed by the department~~; or

(2) be a high school graduate or have an equivalent education as determined by the department ~~and, in addition~~, satisfactorily pass a written examination as prescribed by the department, and (a) have had at least eight years of varied landscape architectural experience under the supervision of a landscape architect registered under this chapter or other qualified person, or (b) other experience approved by the department~~, and satisfactorily pass a written examination as prescribed by the department~~;

A maximum of three years of the experience requirement contained in subsection (2) of this section may be satisfied by proof of education or nonaccredited degree, as considered appropriate by the department; or

(3) hold a license or certification to practice landscape architecture issued to him upon examination by a legally constituted board of examiners of another state or the District of Columbia, or a territory or possession of the United States and if requirements of the state, district, territory, or possession in which the applicant is licensed or registered are substantially equivalent to those of this State; or

(4) submit certification documents from the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) verifying his qualifications for registration, and an individual holding such a certification may be accepted at the discretion of the department.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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