

No. 2009-24

AN ACT

HB 703

Amending the act of January 24, 1966 (1965 P.L.1527, No.535), entitled "An act providing for and regulating the licensing of landscape architects; fixing fees; creating the State Board of Landscape Architects; imposing powers and duties on the Department of State, the Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs and the board; and prescribing unlawful acts and penalties," further providing for application for license; qualifications and experience requirements of applicants and for continuing education.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 6(c) of the act of January 24, 1966 (1965 P.L.1527, No.535), known as the Landscape Architects' Registration Law, amended March 7, 1984 (P.L.129, No.24), is amended to read:

Section 6. Application for License; Qualifications and Experience Requirements of Applicants.—* * *

(c) The board may register and license without written examination [(i) a person who holds an unexpired license or certification of registration issued by proper authority of another state or foreign country in which the requirements and qualifications to engage in the practice of landscape architecture were at the time of initial issuance of a license or certificate of registration at least equal to the standards of this Commonwealth existing at that time; or (ii) **an applicant who has ten years of active experience as a landscape architect and is a graduate of an approved institution, or who has fifteen years of active experience even though not a graduate of an approved institution, if in the opinion of the board the experience is of such grade and character as to fit the person to assume responsible charge of work involved in the practice of landscape architecture**].

Section 2. Section 9.1(b) of the act, added December 7, 1994 (P.L.774, No.107), is amended to read:

Section 9.1. Continuing Education Required.—* * *

(b) Beginning with the license period designated by **[regulation] the board**, each person licensed under this act shall be required to obtain **[ten] twenty-four** hours of mandatory continuing education during each two-year license period. A licensed landscape architect who wishes to activate a license which has been placed on inactive status shall be required to document **[ten] twenty-four** hours of continuing education.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 17th day of July, A.D. 2009.

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