

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the regulation of professions; amending  
3           s. 455.2124, F.S.; authorizing a board or commission, or  
4           the Department of Business and Professional Regulation if  
5           no such board or commission exists for a profession, to  
6           require the completion of certain continuing education  
7           requirements by inactive licensees seeking to regain  
8           active status; amending s. 455.2179, F.S.; specifying the  
9           quadrennial fees for renewal of eligibility to provide  
10          certain continuing education courses; amending ss.  
11          455.2228 and 455.273, F.S.; increasing the period for  
12          completion of certain renewal, recertification, and  
13          relicensing requirements from biennially to quadrennially;  
14          amending s. 455.271, F.S.; authorizing certain licensees  
15          to submit a written request for a grace period upon the  
16          expiration of a license; requiring that such licensee pay  
17          a specified fee and complete certain continuing education  
18          requirements; increasing the length of certain licensure  
19          and renewal cycles; amending ss. 468.403, 468.453,  
20          468.525, 468.613, 469.005, 474.217, and 475.180, F.S.,  
21          relating to licensure or certification requirements for  
22          talent agencies, athlete agents, employee leasing  
23          companies, building code administrators, plans examiners,  
24          building code inspectors, asbestos consultants and  
25          contractors, veterinarians, and real estate brokers,  
26          broker associates, and sales associates; providing  
27          conditions under which a nonresident who has been licensed  
28          in good standing for a specified period in another state

29 |       qualifies for licensure in this state; amending s.  
30 |       476.114, F.S.; authorizing certain persons to take the  
31 |       examination for licensure as a barber; requiring that  
32 |       certain persons desiring to be a barber apply to the  
33 |       department in writing under certain conditions; amending  
34 |       s. 476.144, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending  
35 |       s. 477.019, F.S.; authorizing certain persons to take the  
36 |       examination for licensure as a cosmetologist; requiring  
37 |       that certain persons desiring to be a cosmetologist apply  
38 |       to the department in writing under certain conditions;  
39 |       amending s. 481.209, F.S.; authorizing any person meeting  
40 |       certain criteria to take the examination for licensure as  
41 |       an architect or interior designer; requiring that such  
42 |       persons apply to the department in writing; requiring that  
43 |       persons applying for licensure as an interior designer  
44 |       remit a nonrefundable application fee; requiring that the  
45 |       department adopt a form for applications for licensure as  
46 |       an interior designer; amending s. 481.213, F.S.; providing  
47 |       conditions under which a nonresident who has been licensed  
48 |       as an architect in good standing for a specified period in  
49 |       another state qualifies for licensure as an architect in  
50 |       this state; amending s. 489.111, F.S.; authorizing a  
51 |       person applying for licensure as a contractor to  
52 |       substitute for certain experience requirements the passing  
53 |       of a prelicensure course approved by the Construction  
54 |       Industry Licensing Board and established by department  
55 |       rule; amending s. 489.115, F.S.; providing conditions  
56 |       under which a nonresident who has been licensed or

57 certified as a contractor in good standing for a specified  
 58 period in another state qualifies for certification as a  
 59 contractor in this state; amending s. 489.118, F.S.;  
 60 deleting an obsolete provision; amending s. 489.511, F.S.;  
 61 providing conditions under which a nonresident who has  
 62 been licensed or certified as an electrical or alarm  
 63 system contractor in good standing for a specified period  
 64 in another state qualifies for certification as an  
 65 electrical or alarm system contractor in this state;  
 66 amending s. 489.515, F.S.; authorizing the Electrical  
 67 Contractors' Licensing Board to adopt certain alternative  
 68 means by which an applicant for certification may  
 69 demonstrate financial responsibility; amending s. 492.105,  
 70 F.S.; requiring that a person desiring to be licensed in  
 71 this state as a geologist apply to the department on a  
 72 form adopted by the department, remit a nonrefundable  
 73 application fee, and meet certain requirements; amending  
 74 s. 492.108, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing  
 75 an effective date.

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77 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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79 Section 1. Section 455.2124, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 80 to read:

81 455.2124 Proration of or not requiring continuing  
 82 education.--A board, or the department when there is no board,  
 83 may:

84 (1) Prorate continuing education for new licensees by

85 requiring half of the required continuing education for any  
 86 applicant who becomes licensed with more than half the renewal  
 87 period remaining and no continuing education for any applicant  
 88 who becomes licensed with half or less than half of the renewal  
 89 period remaining; ~~or~~

90 (2) Require no continuing education until the first full  
 91 renewal cycle of the licensee; ~~or~~

92 (3) Require the completion of no more than one renewal  
 93 cycle of continuing education requirements by an inactive  
 94 licensee seeking to regain active status.

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 96 These options ~~shall~~ also apply when continuing education is  
 97 first required or the number of hours required is increased by  
 98 law or the board, or the department when there is no board.

99 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 455.2179, Florida  
 100 Statutes, is amended to read:

101 455.2179 Continuing education provider and course  
 102 approval; cease and desist orders.--

103 (3) Each board authorized to approve continuing education  
 104 providers, or the department if there is no board, may  
 105 establish, by rule, a fee not to exceed \$250 for anyone seeking  
 106 approval to provide continuing education courses and may  
 107 establish, by rule, a quadrennial ~~biennial~~ fee not to exceed  
 108 \$500 ~~\$250~~ for the renewal of providership of such courses. The  
 109 Florida Real Estate Commission, authorized under the provisions  
 110 of chapter 475 to approve prelicensure, precertification, and  
 111 postlicensure education providers, may establish, by rule, an  
 112 application fee not to exceed \$250 for anyone seeking approval

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113 to offer prelicensure, precertification, or postlicensure  
114 education courses and may establish, by rule, a quadrennial  
115 ~~biennial~~ fee not to exceed \$500 ~~\$250~~ for the renewal of such  
116 courses. Such postlicensure education courses are subject to the  
117 reporting, monitoring, and compliance provisions of this section  
118 and ss. 455.2177 and 455.2178.

119 Section 3. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 455.2228,  
120 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

121 455.2228 Barbers and cosmetologists; instruction on HIV  
122 and AIDS.--

123 (1) The board, or the department where there is no board,  
124 shall require each person licensed or certified under chapter  
125 476 or chapter 477 to complete a continuing educational course  
126 approved by the board, or the department where there is no  
127 board, on human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune  
128 deficiency syndrome as part of quadrennial ~~biennial~~ relicensure  
129 or recertification. The course shall consist of education on  
130 modes of transmission, infection control procedures, clinical  
131 management, and prevention of human immunodeficiency virus and  
132 acquired immune deficiency syndrome, with an emphasis on  
133 appropriate behavior and attitude change.

134 (2) When filing fees for each quadrennial ~~biennial~~  
135 renewal, each licensee shall submit confirmation of having  
136 completed said course, on a form provided by the board or by the  
137 department if there is no board. At the time of the subsequent  
138 quadrennial ~~biennial~~ renewal when coursework is to be completed,  
139 if the licensee has not submitted confirmation which has been  
140 received and recorded by the board, or department if there is no

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141 board, the department shall not renew the license.

142 Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 455.273, Florida  
 143 Statutes, is amended to read:

144 455.273 Renewal and cancellation notices.--

145 (2) Each licensure renewal notification and each notice of  
 146 pending cancellation of licensure must state conspicuously that  
 147 a licensee who remains on inactive status for more than two  
 148 consecutive quadrennial ~~biennial~~ licensure cycles and who wishes  
 149 to reactivate the license may be required to demonstrate the  
 150 competency to resume active practice by sitting for a special  
 151 purpose examination or by completing other reactivation  
 152 requirements, as defined by rule of the board or the department  
 153 when there is no board.

154 Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) and subsections  
 155 (7), (8), and (10) of section 455.271, Florida Statutes, are  
 156 amended to read:

157 455.271 Inactive and delinquent status.--

158 (6) (a) A delinquent status licensee must affirmatively  
 159 apply with a complete application, as defined by rule of the  
 160 board, or the department if there is no board, for active or  
 161 inactive status during the licensure cycle in which a licensee  
 162 becomes delinquent. Failure by a delinquent status licensee to  
 163 become active or inactive before the expiration of the current  
 164 licensure cycle renders ~~shall render~~ the license void without  
 165 any further action by the board or the department. Upon  
 166 expiration of the license, the licensee may request in writing a  
 167 grace period of 45 calendar days for the reactivation of the  
 168 license. Along with the written request, the licensee must pay a

169 fee not to exceed \$50 and complete one renewal cycle of  
 170 continuing education requirements.

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172 This subsection does not apply to individuals subject to  
 173 regulation under chapter 473.

174 (7) Each board, or the department when there is no board,  
 175 shall, by rule, impose an additional delinquency fee, not to  
 176 exceed the quadrennial ~~biennial~~ renewal fee for an active status  
 177 license, on a delinquent status licensee when such licensee  
 178 applies for active or inactive status.

179 (8) Each board, or the department when there is no board,  
 180 shall, by rule, impose an additional fee, not to exceed the  
 181 quadrennial ~~biennial~~ renewal fee for an active status license,  
 182 for processing a licensee's request to change licensure status  
 183 at any time other than at the beginning of a licensure cycle.

184 (10) Before reactivation, an inactive or delinquent  
 185 licensee shall meet the same continuing education requirements,  
 186 if any, imposed on an active status licensee for all quadrennial  
 187 ~~biennial~~ licensure periods in which the licensee was inactive or  
 188 delinquent.

189 Section 6. Subsection (10) is added to section 468.403,  
 190 Florida Statutes, to read:

191 468.403 License requirements.--

192 (10) A nonresident who has been licensed in good standing  
 193 for at least 2 years in another state qualifies for licensure in  
 194 this state if such nonresident completes a course on Florida  
 195 laws and rules and passes the resulting examination.

196 Section 7. Subsection (8) is added to section 468.453,

197 Florida Statutes, to read:

198 468.453 Licensure required; qualifications; license  
 199 nontransferable; service of process; temporary license; license  
 200 or application from another state.--

201 (8) A nonresident who has been licensed in good standing  
 202 for at least 2 years in another state qualifies for licensure in  
 203 this state if such nonresident completes a course on Florida  
 204 laws and rules and passes the resulting examination.

205 Section 8. Subsection (5) is added to section 468.525,  
 206 Florida Statutes, to read:

207 468.525 License requirements.--

208 (5) A nonresident who has been licensed in good standing  
 209 for at least 2 years in another state qualifies for licensure in  
 210 this state if such nonresident completes a course on Florida  
 211 laws and rules and passes the resulting examination.

212 Section 9. Section 468.613, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 213 to read:

214 468.613 Certification by endorsement.--The board shall  
 215 examine other certification or training programs, as applicable,  
 216 upon submission to the board for its consideration of an  
 217 application for certification by endorsement. The board shall  
 218 waive its examination, qualification, education, or training  
 219 requirements, to the extent that such examination,  
 220 qualification, education, or training requirements of the  
 221 applicant are determined by the board to be comparable with  
 222 those established by the board. A nonresident who has been  
 223 licensed or certified in good standing for at least 2 years in  
 224 another state qualifies for certification in this state if such

225 nonresident completes a course on Florida laws and rules and  
 226 passes the resulting examination.

227 Section 10. Subsection (7) is added to section 469.005,  
 228 Florida Statutes, to read:

229 469.005 License requirements.--All applicants for  
 230 licensure as either asbestos consultants or asbestos contractors  
 231 shall:

232 (7) If he or she is a nonresident who has been licensed in  
 233 good standing for at least 2 years in another state, qualify for  
 234 licensure in this state if he or she completes a course on  
 235 Florida laws and rules and passes the resulting examination.

236 Section 11. Subsection (3) is added to section 474.217,  
 237 Florida Statutes, to read:

238 474.217 Licensure by endorsement.--

239 (3) A nonresident who has been licensed in good standing  
 240 for at least 2 years in another state qualifies for licensure in  
 241 this state if such nonresident completes a course on Florida  
 242 laws and rules and passes the resulting examination.

243 Section 12. Subsection (1) of section 475.180, Florida  
 244 Statutes, is amended to read:

245 475.180 Nonresident licenses.--

246 (1) Notwithstanding the prelicensure requirements set  
 247 forth under ss. 475.17(2) and (6) and 475.175, the commission in  
 248 its discretion may enter into written agreements with similar  
 249 licensing authorities of other states, territories, or  
 250 jurisdictions of the United States or foreign national  
 251 jurisdictions to ensure for Florida licensees nonresident  
 252 licensure opportunities comparable to those afforded to

253 nonresidents by this section. Whenever the commission determines  
 254 that another jurisdiction does not offer nonresident licensure  
 255 to Florida licensees substantially comparable to those afforded  
 256 to licensees of that jurisdiction by this section, the  
 257 commission shall require licensees of that jurisdiction who  
 258 apply for nonresident licensure to meet education, experience,  
 259 and examination requirements substantially comparable to those  
 260 required by that jurisdiction with respect to Florida licensees  
 261 who seek nonresident licensure, not to exceed such requirements  
 262 as prescribed in ss. 475.17(2) and (6) and 475.175. A  
 263 nonresident who has been licensed in good standing for at least  
 264 2 years in another state qualifies for licensure in this state  
 265 if such nonresident completes a course on Florida laws and rules  
 266 and passes the resulting examination.

267 Section 13. Section 476.114, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 268 to read:

269 476.114 Examination; prerequisites.--

270 (1) (a) A person who is at least 16 years of age may apply  
 271 to take the examination for licensure as a barber.

272 (b) A person desiring to be licensed as a barber shall  
 273 apply to the department in writing if the applicant: ~~for~~  
 274 licensure.

275 ~~(2) An applicant shall be eligible for licensure by~~  
 276 ~~examination to practice barbering if the applicant:~~

277 ~~(a) Is at least 16 years of age;~~

278 ~~(b) Pays the required application fee; and~~

279 ~~(c) 1. Holds an active valid license to practice barbering~~  
 280 ~~in another state, has held the license for at least 1 year, and~~

281 does not qualify for licensure by endorsement as provided for in  
 282 s. 476.144(5); or

283 2. Has received a minimum of 1,200 hours of training as  
 284 established by the board, which shall include, but shall not be  
 285 limited to, the equivalent of completion of services directly  
 286 related to the practice of barbering at one of the following:

287 a. A school of barbering licensed pursuant to chapter  
 288 1005;

289 b. A barbering program within the public school system; or

290 c. A government-operated barbering program in this state.

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 292 The board shall establish by rule procedures whereby the school  
 293 or program may certify that a person is qualified to take the  
 294 required examination after the completion of a minimum of 1,000  
 295 actual school hours. If the person passes the examination, she  
 296 or he shall have satisfied this requirement; but if the person  
 297 fails the examination, she or he shall not be qualified to take  
 298 the examination again until the completion of the full  
 299 requirements provided by this section.

300 (2)~~(3)~~ An applicant who meets the requirements set forth  
 301 in subparagraphs (1)(b)1. and 2. ~~(2)(c)1. and 2.~~ who fails to  
 302 pass the examination may take subsequent examinations as many  
 303 times as necessary to pass, except that the board may specify by  
 304 rule reasonable timeframes for rescheduling the examination and  
 305 additional training requirements for applicants who, after the  
 306 third attempt, fail to pass the examination. Before ~~Prior to~~  
 307 reexamination, the applicant must file the appropriate form and  
 308 pay the reexamination fee as required by rule.

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309 Section 14. Subsection (6) of section 476.144, Florida  
 310 Statutes, is amended to read:

311 476.144 Licensure.--

312 (6) A person may apply for a restricted license to  
 313 practice barbering. The board shall adopt rules specifying  
 314 procedures for an applicant to obtain a restricted license if  
 315 the applicant:

316 (a)1. Has successfully completed a restricted barber  
 317 course, as established by rule of the board, at a school of  
 318 barbering licensed pursuant to chapter 1005, a barbering program  
 319 within the public school system, or a government-operated  
 320 barbering program in this state; or

321 2.a. Holds or has within the previous 5 years held an  
 322 active valid license to practice barbering in another state or  
 323 country or has held a Florida barbering license which has been  
 324 declared null and void for failure to renew the license, and the  
 325 applicant fulfilled the requirements of s. 476.114(1)(b)2. ~~s.~~  
 326 ~~476.114(2)(c)2.~~ for initial licensure; and

327 b. Has not been disciplined relating to the practice of  
 328 barbering in the previous 5 years; and

329 (b) Passes a written examination on the laws and rules  
 330 governing the practice of barbering in Florida, as established  
 331 by the board, and a practical examination approved by the board.

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 333 The restricted license shall limit the licensee's practice to  
 334 those specific areas in which the applicant has demonstrated  
 335 competence pursuant to rules adopted by the board.

336 Section 15. Section 477.019, Florida Statutes, is amended

337 to read:

338 477.019 Cosmetologists; qualifications; licensure;  
 339 supervised practice; license renewal; endorsement; continuing  
 340 education.--

341 (1) (a) A person who is at least 16 years of age may apply  
 342 to take the examination for licensure as a cosmetologist  
 343 ~~desiring to be licensed as a cosmetologist shall apply to the~~  
 344 ~~department for licensure.~~

345 (b) A person desiring to be licensed as a cosmetologist  
 346 shall apply to the department in writing

347 ~~(2) An applicant shall be eligible for licensure by~~  
 348 ~~examination to practice cosmetology if the applicant:~~

349 1. Has passed the licensure examination, achieving a  
 350 passing grade as established by rule of the board;

351 ~~(a) Is at least 16 years of age or has received a high~~  
 352 ~~school diploma;~~

353 ~~(b) Pays the required application fee, which is not~~  
 354 ~~refundable, and the required examination fee, which is~~  
 355 ~~refundable if the applicant is determined to not be eligible for~~  
 356 ~~licensure for any reason other than failure to successfully~~  
 357 ~~complete the licensure examination; and~~

358 2.(c)1. Is authorized to practice cosmetology in another  
 359 state or country, has been so authorized for at least 1 year,  
 360 and does not qualify for licensure by endorsement as provided  
 361 for in subsection (5) ~~(6)~~; or

362 3.2. Has received, before examination, a minimum of 1,200  
 363 hours of training as established by the board, which shall  
 364 include, but shall not be limited to, the equivalent of

- 365 completion of services directly related to the practice of  
 366 cosmetology at one of the following:
- 367 a. A school of cosmetology licensed pursuant to chapter  
 368 1005.
  - 369 b. A cosmetology program within the public school system.
  - 370 c. The Cosmetology Division of the Florida School for the  
 371 Deaf and the Blind, provided the division meets the standards of  
 372 this chapter.
  - 373 d. A government-operated cosmetology program in this  
 374 state.

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 376 The board shall establish by rule procedures whereby the school  
 377 or program may certify that a person is qualified to take the  
 378 required examination after the completion of a minimum of 1,000  
 379 actual school hours. If the person then passes the examination,  
 380 he or she shall have satisfied this requirement; but if the  
 381 person fails the examination, he or she shall not be qualified  
 382 to take the examination again until the completion of the full  
 383 requirements provided by this section.

384 (2)~~(3)~~ An application for the licensure examination for  
 385 any license under this section may be submitted for examination  
 386 approval in the last 100 hours of training by a pregraduate of a  
 387 licensed cosmetology school or a program within the public  
 388 school system, which school or program is certified by the  
 389 Department of Education ~~with fees as required in paragraph~~  
 390 ~~(2) (b)~~. Upon approval, the applicant may schedule the  
 391 examination on a date when the training hours are completed. An  
 392 applicant shall have 6 months from the date of approval to take

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393 the examination. After the 6 months have passed, if the  
394 applicant failed to take the examination, the applicant must  
395 reapply. The board shall establish by rule the procedures for  
396 the pregraduate application process.

397 (3)~~(4)~~ Upon an applicant receiving a passing grade, as  
398 established by board rule, demonstrating qualifications under  
399 this section, ~~on the examination~~ and paying the initial  
400 licensing fee, the department shall issue a license to practice  
401 cosmetology.

402 (4)~~(5)~~ If an applicant passes all parts of the examination  
403 for licensure as a cosmetologist, he or she may practice in the  
404 time between passing the examination and receiving a physical  
405 copy of his or her license if he or she practices under the  
406 supervision of a licensed cosmetologist in a licensed salon. An  
407 applicant who fails any part of the examination may not practice  
408 as a cosmetologist and may immediately apply for reexamination.

409 (5)~~(6)~~ Renewal of license registration shall be  
410 accomplished pursuant to rules adopted by the board.

411 (6)~~(7)~~ The board shall adopt rules specifying procedures  
412 for the licensure by endorsement of practitioners desiring to be  
413 licensed in this state who hold a current active license in  
414 another state and who have met qualifications substantially  
415 similar to, equivalent to, or greater than the qualifications  
416 required of applicants from this state.

417 (7)~~(8)~~(a) The board shall prescribe by rule continuing  
418 education requirements intended to ensure protection of the  
419 public through updated training of licensees and registered  
420 specialists, not to exceed 16 hours biennially, as a condition

421 for renewal of a license or registration as a specialist under  
 422 this chapter. Continuing education courses shall include, but  
 423 not be limited to, the following subjects as they relate to the  
 424 practice of cosmetology: human immunodeficiency virus and  
 425 acquired immune deficiency syndrome; Occupational Safety and  
 426 Health Administration regulations; workers' compensation issues;  
 427 state and federal laws and rules as they pertain to  
 428 cosmetologists, cosmetology, salons, specialists, specialty  
 429 salons, and booth renters; chemical makeup as it pertains to  
 430 hair, skin, and nails; and environmental issues. Courses given  
 431 at cosmetology conferences may be counted toward the number of  
 432 continuing education hours required if approved by the board.

433 (b) Any person whose occupation or practice is confined  
 434 solely to hair braiding, hair wrapping, or body wrapping is  
 435 exempt from the continuing education requirements of this  
 436 subsection.

437 (c) The board may, by rule, require any licensee in  
 438 violation of a continuing education requirement to take a  
 439 refresher course or refresher course and examination in addition  
 440 to any other penalty. The number of hours for the refresher  
 441 course may not exceed 48 hours.

442 Section 16. Section 481.209, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 443 to read:

444 481.209 Examinations.--

445 (1) (a) Any person may take the examination for licensure  
 446 as an architect.

447 (b) A person desiring to be licensed as a registered  
 448 architect shall apply to the department in writing and must ~~to~~

449 ~~take the licensure examination. The department shall administer~~  
 450 ~~the licensure examination for architects to each applicant who~~  
 451 ~~the board certifies:~~

452 1. Have passed the examination for licensure by achieving  
 453 a passing score as established by rule of the board;

454 ~~(a) Has completed the application form and remitted a~~  
 455 ~~nonrefundable application fee and an examination fee which is~~  
 456 ~~refundable if the applicant is found to be ineligible to take~~  
 457 ~~the examination;~~

458 2.(b)1. Be Is a graduate of:

459 a. A school or college of architecture accredited by the  
 460 National Architectural Accreditation Board; or

461 b.2. Is a graduate of An approved architectural  
 462 curriculum, evidenced by a degree from an unaccredited school or  
 463 college of architecture approved by the board. The board shall  
 464 adopt rules providing for the review and approval of  
 465 unaccredited schools and colleges of architecture and courses of  
 466 architectural study based on a review and inspection by the  
 467 board of the curriculum of accredited schools and colleges of  
 468 architecture in the United States; and

469 3.(e) Have Has completed, before prior to examination, 1  
 470 year of the internship experience required by s. 481.211(1).

471 (2) (a) Any person may take the examination for licensure  
 472 as an interior designer.

473 (b) A person desiring to be licensed as a registered  
 474 interior designer shall apply to the department in writing on a  
 475 form prescribed by the department, shall remit a nonrefundable  
 476 application fee, and must for licensure. The department shall

477 ~~administer the licensure examination for interior designers to~~  
 478 ~~each applicant who has completed the application form and~~  
 479 ~~remitted the application and examination fees specified in s.~~  
 480 ~~481.207 and who the board certifies:~~

- 481 1. Have passed the examination for licensure;
- 482 2.(a) Be ~~is~~ a graduate from an interior design program of  
 483 5 years or more and have ~~has~~ completed 1 year of diversified  
 484 interior design experience;
- 485 3.(b) Be ~~is~~ a graduate from an interior design program of  
 486 4 years or more and have ~~has~~ completed 2 years of diversified  
 487 interior design experience;
- 488 4.(c) Have ~~Has~~ completed at least 3 years in an interior  
 489 design curriculum and have ~~has~~ completed 3 years of diversified  
 490 interior design experience; or
- 491 5.(d) Be ~~is~~ a graduate from an interior design program of  
 492 at least 2 years and have ~~has~~ completed 4 years of diversified  
 493 interior design experience.

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 495 Subsequent to October 1, 2000, for the purpose of having the  
 496 educational qualification required under this subsection  
 497 accepted by the board, the applicant must complete his or her  
 498 education at a program, school, or college of interior design  
 499 whose curriculum has been approved by the board as of the time  
 500 of completion. Subsequent to October 1, 2003, all of the  
 501 required amount of educational credits shall have been obtained  
 502 in a program, school, or college of interior design whose  
 503 curriculum has been approved by the board, as of the time each  
 504 educational credit is gained. The board shall adopt rules

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505 providing for the review and approval of programs, schools, and  
 506 colleges of interior design and courses of interior design study  
 507 based on a review and inspection by the board of the curriculum  
 508 of programs, schools, and colleges of interior design in the  
 509 United States, including those programs, schools, and colleges  
 510 accredited by the Foundation for Interior Design Education  
 511 Research. The board shall adopt rules providing for the review  
 512 and approval of diversified interior design experience required  
 513 by this subsection.

514 Section 17. Subsection (8) is added to section 481.213,  
 515 Florida Statutes, to read:

516 481.213 Licensure.--

517 (3) The board shall certify as qualified for a license by  
 518 endorsement as an architect or as an interior designer an  
 519 applicant who:

520 (8) A nonresident who has been licensed in good standing  
 521 for at least 2 years in another state qualifies for licensure in  
 522 this state if such nonresident completes a course on Florida  
 523 laws and rules and passes the resulting examination.

524 Section 18. Present subsections (3) and (4) of section  
 525 489.111, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4) and  
 526 (5), respectively, and a new subsection (3) is added to that  
 527 section, to read:

528 489.111 Licensure by examination.--

529 (3) Successfully passing a prelicensure course approved by  
 530 the Construction Industry Licensing Board and established by  
 531 department rule may be substituted for the experience  
 532 requirements set forth in subsection (2).

533 Section 19. Subsection (10) is added to section 489.115,  
 534 Florida Statutes, to read:

535 489.115 Certification and registration; endorsement;  
 536 reciprocity; renewals; continuing education.--

537 (10) A nonresident who has been licensed or certified in  
 538 good standing for at least 2 years in another state qualifies  
 539 for certification in this state if such nonresident completes a  
 540 course on Florida laws and rules and passes the resulting  
 541 examination.

542 Section 20. Section 489.118, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 543 to read:

544 489.118 Certification of registered contractors;  
 545 grandfathering provisions.--The board shall, upon receipt of a  
 546 completed application and appropriate fee, issue a certificate  
 547 in the appropriate category to any contractor registered under  
 548 this part who makes application to the board and can show that  
 549 he or she meets each of the following requirements:

550 (1) Currently holds a valid registered local license in  
 551 one of the contractor categories defined in s. 489.105(3)(a)-  
 552 (p).

553 (2) Has, for that category, passed a written examination  
 554 that the board finds to be substantially similar to the  
 555 examination required to be licensed as a certified contractor  
 556 under this part. For purposes of this subsection, a written,  
 557 proctored examination such as that produced by the National  
 558 Assessment Institute, Block and Associates, NAI/Block, Experior  
 559 Assessments, Professional Testing, Inc., or Assessment Systems,  
 560 Inc., is ~~shall be~~ considered to be substantially similar to the

561 examination required to be licensed as a certified contractor.  
 562 The board may not impose or make any requirements regarding the  
 563 nature or content of these cited examinations.

564 (3) Has at least 5 years of experience as a contractor in  
 565 that contracting category, or as an inspector or building  
 566 administrator with oversight over that category, at the time of  
 567 application. For contractors, only time periods in which the  
 568 contractor license is active and the contractor is not on  
 569 probation ~~shall~~ count toward the 5 years required by this  
 570 subsection.

571 (4) Has not had his or her contractor's license revoked at  
 572 any time, had his or her contractor's license suspended within  
 573 the last 5 years, or been assessed a fine in excess of \$500  
 574 within the last 5 years.

575 (5) Is in compliance with the insurance and financial  
 576 responsibility requirements in s. 489.115(5).

577  
 578 ~~Applicants wishing to obtain a certificate pursuant to this~~  
 579 ~~section must make application by November 1, 2005.~~

580 Section 21. Subsection (7) is added to section 489.511,  
 581 Florida Statutes, to read:

582 489.511 Certification; application; examinations;  
 583 endorsement.--

584 (7) A nonresident who has been licensed or certified in  
 585 good standing for at least 2 years in another state qualifies  
 586 for certification in this state if such nonresident completes a  
 587 course on Florida laws and rules and passes the resulting  
 588 examination.

589 Section 22. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section  
 590 489.515, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

591 489.515 Issuance of certificates; registrations.--

592 (1)

593 (b) The board shall certify as qualified for certification  
 594 any person who satisfies the requirements of s. 489.511 and who  
 595 submits satisfactory evidence that he or she has obtained both  
 596 workers' compensation insurance or an acceptable exemption  
 597 certificate issued by the department and public liability and  
 598 property damage insurance for the health, safety, and welfare of  
 599 the public in amounts determined by rule of the board, and  
 600 furnishes evidence of financial responsibility, credit, and  
 601 business reputation of either himself or herself or the business  
 602 organization he or she desires to qualify. The board may adopt  
 603 rules authorizing an alternative means by which an applicant may  
 604 demonstrate financial responsibility by requiring minimum credit  
 605 scores or bonds payable as prescribed by rule for financially  
 606 responsible officers under s. 489.1195.

607 Section 23. Subsection (1) of section 492.105, Florida  
 608 Statutes, is amended to read:

609 492.105 Licensure by examination; requirements; fees.--

610 (1)(a) Any person who is at least 18 years of age may take  
 611 the examination for licensure as a geologist.

612 (b) Any person desiring to be licensed as a professional  
 613 geologist shall apply to the department in writing on a form  
 614 adopted by the department, shall remit a nonrefundable  
 615 application fee, and must ~~to take the licensure examination. The~~  
 616 ~~written licensure examination shall be designed to test an~~

617 ~~applicant's qualifications to practice professional geology, and~~  
618 ~~shall include such subjects as will tend to ascertain the~~  
619 ~~applicant's knowledge of the theory and the practice of~~  
620 ~~professional geology and may include such subjects as are taught~~  
621 ~~in curricula of accredited colleges and universities. The~~  
622 ~~department shall examine each applicant who the board certifies:~~

623 1. Have passed the examination for licensure by achieving  
624 a passing score as established by rule of the board.

625 ~~(a) Has completed the application form and remitted a~~  
626 ~~nonrefundable application fee and an examination fee which is~~  
627 ~~refundable if the applicant is found to be ineligible to take~~  
628 ~~the examination.~~

629 ~~(b) Is at least 18 years of age.~~

630 2.(e) Have Has not committed any act or offense in any  
631 jurisdiction which would constitute the basis for disciplining a  
632 professional geologist licensed pursuant to this chapter.

633 3.(d) Fulfill Fulfills the following educational  
634 requirements at a college or university the geological curricula  
635 of which meet the criteria established by an accrediting agency  
636 recognized by the United States Department of Education:

637 a.1. Graduation from such college or university with a  
638 major in geology or other related science acceptable to the  
639 board; and

640 b.2. Satisfactory completion of at least 30 semester hours  
641 of geological courses, 24 of which must be at the third or  
642 fourth year or graduate level.

643 4.(e) Have Has at least 7 years of professional geological  
644 work experience, which shall include a minimum of 3 years of

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645 professional geological work under the supervision of a licensed  
646 or qualified geologist or professional engineer registered under  
647 chapter 471 as qualified in the field or discipline of  
648 professional engineering involved; or have a minimum of 5  
649 accumulative years' experience in responsible charge of  
650 geological work. The following criteria of education and  
651 experience qualify, as specified, toward accumulation of the  
652 required 7 years of professional geological work:

653 ~~a.1.~~ Each year of undergraduate study in the geological  
654 sciences shall count as 1/2 year of the experience requirement,  
655 up to a maximum of 2 years, and each year of graduate study  
656 shall count as 1 year of the experience requirement.

657 ~~b.2.~~ Credit for undergraduate study, graduate study, and  
658 graduate courses, individually or in any combination thereof,  
659 shall in no case exceed a total of 2 years toward meeting the  
660 requirements for at least 7 years of professional geological  
661 work.

662 ~~c.3.~~ Full-time teaching or research in the geological  
663 sciences at the college level shall be credited year for year  
664 toward meeting the requirement in this category.

665 ~~d.4.~~ The ability of the applicant shall have been  
666 demonstrated by his or her having performed the work in a  
667 responsible position as determined by the board.

668 Section 24. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
669 492.108, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

670 492.108 Licensure by endorsement; requirements; fees.--

671 (1) The department shall issue a license by endorsement to  
672 any applicant who, upon applying to the department and remitting

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673 | an application fee, has been certified by the board that he or  
 674 | she:

675 |       (a) Has met the qualifications for licensure in s.  
 676 | 492.105(1) ~~s. 492.105(1)(b)-(c)~~.

677 |       Section 25. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
 678 | law.