

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to licensure requirements for land
 3 surveyors and mappers; amending s. 472.0101, F.S.;
 4 authorizing an exiled professional to substitute
 5 specified lawful practice of the profession for the
 6 education requirement for examination; amending s.
 7 472.013, F.S.; revising education requirements for
 8 licensure; providing that specified work experience
 9 may be substituted for education requirements for
 10 licensure as a land surveyor or mapper; providing an
 11 effective date.

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 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15 Section 1. Paragraphs (e) and (f) of subsection (1) of
 16 section 472.0101, Florida Statutes are amended, and paragraph
 17 (d) of that subsection is republished, to read:

18 472.0101 Foreign-trained professionals; special
 19 examination and license provisions.—

20 (1) When not otherwise provided by law, the department
 21 shall by rule provide procedures under which exiled
 22 professionals may be examined under this chapter. A person is
 23 eligible for the examination if the exiled professional:

24 (d) Demonstrates to the department, through submission of
 25 documentation verified by the applicant's respective

26 | professional association in exile, that the applicant was
 27 | graduated with an appropriate professional or occupational
 28 | degree from a college or university. However, the department may
 29 | not require receipt of any documentation from the Republic of
 30 | Cuba as a condition of eligibility under this section;

31 | (e) A person who has lawfully practiced the profession for
 32 | at least 3 years may substitute such practice of the profession
 33 | for the education requirement under paragraph (d);

34 | (f) Before ~~Prior to~~ 1980, successfully completed an
 35 | approved course of study pursuant to chapters 74-105 and 75-177,
 36 | Laws of Florida; and

37 | Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 472.013, Florida
 38 | Statutes, is amended to read:

39 | 472.013 Examinations, prerequisites.—

40 | (2) An applicant shall be entitled to take the licensure
 41 | examination to practice in this state as a surveyor and mapper
 42 | if the applicant is of good moral character and has satisfied
 43 | one of the following requirements:

44 | (a) The applicant has received a bachelor's degree, its
 45 | equivalent, or higher in surveying and mapping or a similarly
 46 | titled program, including, but not limited to, geomatics,
 47 | geomatics engineering, and land surveying, from a college or
 48 | university recognized by the board and has a specific experience
 49 | record of 2 4 or more years as a subordinate to a professional
 50 | surveyor and mapper in the active practice of surveying and

51 mapping, which experience is of a nature indicating that the
52 applicant was in responsible charge of the accuracy and
53 correctness of the surveying and mapping work performed. Work
54 experience acquired as a part of the education requirement may
55 not be construed as experience in responsible charge.

56 (b) The applicant has received a bachelor's degree, its
57 equivalent, or higher in a course of study, other than in
58 surveying and mapping, at an accredited college or university
59 and has a specific experience record of 2 ~~6~~ or more years as a
60 subordinate to a registered surveyor and mapper in the active
61 practice of surveying and mapping, which experience is 5 years
62 ~~of which shall be~~ of a nature indicating that the applicant was
63 in responsible charge of the accuracy and correctness of the
64 surveying and mapping work performed. The applicant must have
65 completed a minimum of 25 semester hours from a college or
66 university approved by the board in surveying and mapping
67 subjects or in any combination of courses in civil engineering,
68 surveying, mapping, mathematics, photogrammetry, forestry, or
69 land law and the physical sciences. Any of the required 25
70 semester hours of study completed not as a part of the
71 bachelor's degree, its equivalent, or higher may be approved at
72 the discretion of the board. Work experience acquired as a part
73 of the education requirement may not be construed as experience
74 in responsible charge.

75 (c) The applicant has received a 2-year associate of arts

76 degree, or an equivalent 60 credit hours, and has a specified
77 experience record of 4 or more years as a subordinate to a
78 professional surveyor and mapper in the active practice of
79 surveying and mapping, which experience is of a nature
80 indicating that the applicant was in responsible charge of the
81 accuracy and correctness of the surveying and mapping work
82 performed. Work experience acquired as a part of the education
83 requirement may not be construed as experience in responsible
84 charge.

85 (d) The applicant has received a high school diploma, or
86 the equivalent, and has a specified experience record of 6 or
87 more years as a subordinate to a professional surveyor and
88 mapper in the active practice of surveying and mapping, which
89 experience is of a nature indicating that the applicant was in
90 responsible charge of the accuracy and correctness of the
91 surveying and mapping work performed. Work experience acquired
92 as a part of the education requirement may not be construed as
93 experience in responsible charge.

94 (e) The applicant has proof of verifiable work experience
95 in the active practice of surveying and mapping, which
96 experience is of a nature indicating that the applicant was in
97 responsible charge of the accuracy and correctness of the
98 surveying and mapping work performed.

99 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.