

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 that
11 an applicant who holds a license from other state,
12 jurisdiction, or territory, and has certain experience
13 in the practice of surveying and mapping may take the
14 licensure examination to practice as a land surveyor
15 or mapper in this state; providing that completion of
16 a specified apprenticeship program may be substituted
17 for education requirements for licensure as a land
18 surveyor or mapper; providing an effective date.

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

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22 Section 1. Paragraphs (e) and (f) of subsection (1) of
23 section 472.0101, Florida Statutes are amended, and paragraph
24 (d) of that subsection is republished, to read:

25 472.0101 Foreign-trained professionals; special

26 examination and license provisions.—

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

31 (d) Demonstrates to the department, through submission of
 32 documentation verified by the applicant's respective
 33 professional association in exile, that the applicant was
 34 graduated with an appropriate professional or occupational
 35 degree from a college or university. However, the department may
 36 not require receipt of any documentation from the Republic of
 37 Cuba as a condition of eligibility under this section;

38 (e) A person who has lawfully practiced the profession for
 39 at least 3 years may substitute such practice of the profession
 40 for the education requirement under paragraph (d);

41 (f) Before ~~Prior to~~ 1980, successfully completed an
 42 approved course of study pursuant to chapters 74-105 and 75-177,
 43 Laws of Florida; and

44 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 472.013, Florida
 45 Statutes, is amended to read:

46 472.013 Examinations, prerequisites.—

47 (2) An applicant shall be entitled to take the licensure
 48 examination to practice in this state as a surveyor and mapper
 49 if the applicant is of good moral character and has satisfied
 50 one of the following requirements:

51 (a) The applicant has received a bachelor's degree, its
52 equivalent, or higher in surveying and mapping or a similarly
53 titled program, including, but not limited to, geomatics,
54 geomatics engineering, and land surveying, from a college or
55 university recognized by the board and has a specific experience
56 record of 2 4 or more years as a subordinate to a professional
57 surveyor and mapper in the active practice of surveying and
58 mapping, which experience is of a nature indicating that the
59 applicant was in responsible charge of the accuracy and
60 correctness of the surveying and mapping work performed. Work
61 experience acquired as a part of the education requirement may
62 not be construed as experience in responsible charge.

63 (b) The applicant has received a bachelor's degree, its
64 equivalent, or higher in a course of study, other than in
65 surveying and mapping, at an accredited college or university
66 and has a specific experience record of 2 ~~6~~ or more years as a
67 subordinate to a registered surveyor and mapper in the active
68 practice of surveying and mapping, which experience is 5 years
69 ~~of which shall be~~ of a nature indicating that the applicant was
70 in responsible charge of the accuracy and correctness of the
71 surveying and mapping work performed. The applicant must have
72 completed a minimum of 25 semester hours from a college or
73 university approved by the board in surveying and mapping
74 subjects or in any combination of courses in civil engineering,
75 surveying, mapping, mathematics, photogrammetry, forestry, or

76 | land law and the physical sciences. Any of the required 25
77 | semester hours of study completed not as a part of the
78 | bachelor's degree, its equivalent, or higher may be approved at
79 | the discretion of the board. Work experience acquired as a part
80 | of the education requirement may not be construed as experience
81 | in responsible charge.

82 | (c) The applicant has received an associate degree and has
83 | a specified experience record of 4 or more years as a
84 | subordinate to a professional surveyor and mapper in the active
85 | practice of surveying and mapping, which experience is of a
86 | nature indicating that the applicant was in responsible charge
87 | of the accuracy and correctness of the surveying and mapping
88 | work performed. Work experience acquired as a part of the
89 | education requirement may not be construed as experience in
90 | responsible charge.

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

100 | (e) The applicant holds a valid license to practice

101 surveying and mapping in another state, jurisdiction, or
102 territory, and has two years of experience in the active
103 practice of surveying and mapping, which experience is of a
104 nature indicating that the applicant was in responsible charge
105 of the accuracy and correctness of the surveying and mapping
106 work performed.

107 (f) The applicant has received a registered apprenticeship
108 certificate in surveying and mapping after completing a
109 registered apprenticeship program approved by the Department of
110 Education and has a specified experience record of 2 or more
111 years as a subordinate to a professional surveyor and mapper in
112 the active practice of surveying and mapping, which experience
113 is of a nature indicating that the applicant was in responsible
114 charge of the accuracy and correctness of the surveying and
115 mapping work performed. Work experience acquired as a part of
116 the education requirement may not be construed as experience in
117 responsible charge.

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