

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 a
5 specified lawful practice of the profession for the
6 education requirement of the examination; amending s.
7 472.013, F.S.; revising education requirements for
8 licensure to include an applicant who has received an
9 associate degree under certain circumstances;
10 requiring such education to be from a college or
11 university accredited by an accrediting body
12 recognized by the United States Department of
13 Education; providing that specified experience may be
14 substituted for education requirements for licensure
15 as a land surveyor or mapper; providing that an
16 applicant who holds a valid license from another
17 state, jurisdiction, or territory, and has certain
18 experience in the practice of surveying and mapping
19 may take the licensure examination to practice as a
20 land surveyor or mapper in this state; providing that
21 completion of a specified apprenticeship program may
22 be substituted for education requirements for
23 licensure as a land surveyor or mapper; amending s.
24 472.003, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference to changes
25 made by the act; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

53 472.013 Examinations, prerequisites.—

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

58 (a) The applicant has received a bachelor's degree, its
 59 equivalent, or higher in surveying and mapping or a similarly
 60 titled program, including, but not limited to, geomatics,
 61 geomatics engineering, and land surveying, from a college or
 62 university accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the
 63 United States Department of Education ~~board~~ and has a specific
 64 experience record of 4 or more years as a subordinate to a
 65 professional surveyor and mapper in the active practice of
 66 surveying and mapping, which experience is of a nature
 67 indicating that the applicant was in responsible charge of the
 68 accuracy and correctness of the surveying and mapping work
 69 performed. Work experience acquired as a part of the education
 70 requirement may not be construed as experience in responsible
 71 charge.

72 (b) The applicant has received a bachelor's degree, its
 73 equivalent, or higher in a course of study, other than in
 74 surveying and mapping, at a ~~an accredited~~ college or university
 75 accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the United

76 States Department of Education and has a specific experience
77 record of 6 or more years as a subordinate to a registered
78 surveyor and mapper in the active practice of surveying and
79 mapping, 5 years of which shall be of a nature indicating that
80 the applicant was in responsible charge of the accuracy and
81 correctness of the surveying and mapping work performed. The
82 applicant must have completed a minimum of 25 semester hours
83 from a college or university accredited by an accrediting body
84 recognized by the United States Department of Education ~~approved~~
85 ~~by the board~~ in surveying and mapping subjects or in any
86 combination of courses in civil engineering, surveying, mapping,
87 mathematics, photogrammetry, forestry, or land law and the
88 physical sciences. ~~Any of the required 25 semester hours of~~
89 ~~study completed not as a part of the bachelor's degree, its~~
90 ~~equivalent, or higher may be approved at the discretion of the~~
91 ~~board.~~ Work experience acquired as a part of the education
92 requirement may not be construed as experience in responsible
93 charge.

94 (c) The applicant has received an associate degree and has
95 a specific experience record of 6 or more years as a subordinate
96 to a professional surveyor and mapper in the active practice of
97 surveying and mapping, 5 years of which shall be of a nature
98 indicating that the applicant was in responsible charge of the
99 accuracy and correctness of the surveying and mapping work
100 performed. The applicant must have completed a minimum of 25

101 semester hours from a college or university accredited by an
102 accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of
103 Education in surveying and mapping subjects or in any
104 combination of courses in civil engineering, surveying, mapping,
105 mathematics, photogrammetry, forestry, or land law and the
106 physical sciences. Work experience acquired as a part of the
107 education requirement may not be construed as experience in
108 responsible charge.

109 (d) The applicant has received a high school diploma, or
110 its equivalent, and has a specific experience record of 6 or
111 more years as a subordinate to a professional surveyor and
112 mapper in the active practice of surveying and mapping, 5 years
113 of which shall be of a nature indicating that the applicant was
114 in responsible charge of the accuracy and correctness of the
115 surveying and mapping work performed. The applicant must have
116 completed a minimum of 25 semester hours from a college or
117 university accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the
118 United States Department of Education in surveying and mapping
119 subjects or in any combination of courses in civil engineering,
120 surveying, mapping, mathematics, photogrammetry, forestry, or
121 land law and the physical sciences. Work experience acquired as
122 a part of the education requirement may not be construed as
123 experience in responsible charge.

124 (e) The applicant holds a valid license to practice
125 surveying and mapping in another state, jurisdiction, or

126 territory, and has 2 years of experience in the active practice
 127 of surveying and mapping, which experience is of a nature
 128 indicating that the applicant was in responsible charge of the
 129 accuracy and correctness of the surveying and mapping work
 130 performed.

131 (f) The applicant has received a registered apprenticeship
 132 certificate in surveying and mapping after completing a
 133 registered apprenticeship program approved by the Department of
 134 Education and has a specified experience record of 2 or more
 135 years as a subordinate to a professional surveyor and mapper in
 136 the active practice of surveying and mapping, which experience
 137 is of a nature indicating that the applicant was in responsible
 138 charge of the accuracy and correctness of the surveying and
 139 mapping work performed. Work experience acquired as a part of
 140 the education requirement may not be construed as experience in
 141 responsible charge.

142 Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 472.003, Florida
 143 Statutes, is amended to read:

144 472.003 Persons not affected by ss. 472.001-472.037.—
 145 Sections 472.001-472.037 do not apply to:

146 (4) Persons employed by county property appraisers, as
 147 defined at s. 192.001(3), and persons employed by the Department
 148 of Revenue, to prepare maps for property appraisal purposes
 149 only, but only to the extent that they perform mapping services
 150 which do not include any surveying activities as described in s.

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151 | 472.005 ~~s. 472.005(4)(a) and (b).~~

152 | Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.