

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to professional licensure; amending s.
 3 472.0101, F.S.; authorizing the practice of a
 4 profession as a substitute for certain professional or
 5 occupational degrees for certain foreign-trained
 6 professionals; amending s. 472.013, F.S.; revising
 7 education and work experience requirements for taking
 8 the surveyor and mapper licensure examination;
 9 providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section
 14 472.0101, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (d) of
 15 that subsection is republished, to read:

16 472.0101 Foreign-trained professionals; special
 17 examination and license provisions.—

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

22 (d) Demonstrates to the department, through submission of
 23 documentation verified by the applicant's respective
 24 professional association in exile, that the applicant was
 25 graduated with an appropriate professional or occupational

26 | degree from a college or university. However, the department may
27 | not require receipt of any documentation from the Republic of
28 | Cuba as a condition of eligibility under this section;

29 | (e) Lawfully practiced the profession for at least 3
30 | years. Such practice of the profession may be substituted for
31 | the professional or occupational degree requirement under
32 | paragraph (d);

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

35 | 472.013 Examinations, prerequisites.—

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

40 | (a) The applicant has received a bachelor's degree, its
41 | equivalent, or higher in surveying and mapping or a similarly
42 | titled program, including, but not limited to, geomatics,
43 | geomatics engineering, and land surveying, from a college or
44 | university accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the
45 | United States Department of Education ~~board~~ and has a specific
46 | experience record of 4 or more years as a subordinate to a
47 | professional surveyor and mapper in the active practice of
48 | surveying and mapping, which experience is of a nature
49 | indicating that the applicant was in responsible charge of the
50 | accuracy and correctness of the surveying and mapping work

51 performed. Work experience acquired as a part of the education
52 requirement may not be construed as experience in responsible
53 charge.

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

76 (c) The applicant has received an associate degree and has
77 a specific experience record of at least 6 years as a
78 subordinate to a professional surveyor and mapper in the active
79 practice of surveying and mapping, at least 5 years of which
80 shall be of a nature indicating that the applicant was in
81 responsible charge of the accuracy and correctness of the
82 surveying and mapping work performed. The applicant must have
83 completed at least 25 semester hours from a college or
84 university accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the
85 United States Department of Education in surveying and mapping
86 subjects or in any combination of courses in civil engineering,
87 surveying, mapping, mathematics, photogrammetry, forestry, or
88 land law and the physical sciences. Work experience acquired as
89 a part of the education requirement may not be construed as
90 experience in responsible charge.

91 (d) The applicant has received a high school diploma or
92 its equivalent and has a specific experience record of at least
93 6 years as a subordinate to a professional surveyor and mapper
94 in the active practice of surveying and mapping, at least 5
95 years of which shall be of a nature indicating that the
96 applicant was in responsible charge of the accuracy and
97 correctness of the surveying and mapping work performed. The
98 applicant must have completed at least 25 semester hours from a
99 college or university accredited by an accrediting body
100 recognized by the United States Department of Education in

101 surveying and mapping subjects or in any combination of courses
102 in civil engineering, surveying, mapping, mathematics,
103 photogrammetry, forestry, or land law and the physical sciences.
104 Work experience acquired as a part of the education requirement
105 may not be construed as experience in responsible charge.

106 (e) The applicant holds a valid license to practice
107 surveying and mapping in another state, jurisdiction, or
108 territory, and has at least 2 years of experience in the active
109 practice of surveying and mapping, which experience is of a
110 nature indicating that the applicant was in responsible charge
111 of the accuracy and correctness of the surveying and mapping
112 work performed.

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

124 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.