

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to professional licensure reciprocity
3 for the practice of surveying and mapping; amending s.
4 472.015, F.S.; expanding the requirements for
5 applicants eligible to be qualified for licensure by
6 endorsement by the Board of Professional Surveyors and
7 Mappers to include applicants from outside of the
8 state who meet certain requirements; authorizing the
9 board to require and independently evaluate certain
10 documents and information; authorizing the board to
11 adopt certain rules; providing an 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. Subsection (5) of section 472.015, Florida**
16 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

17 472.015 Licensure.—

18 (5)(a) The board shall certify as qualified for a license
19 by endorsement an applicant who, at the time of application:

20 1. Holds a valid license to practice surveying and mapping
21 issued before July 1, 1999, by another state or territory of the
22 United States; has passed a national, regional, state, or
23 territorial licensing examination that is substantially
24 equivalent to the examination required by s. 472.013; and has a
25 specific experience record of at least 8 years as a subordinate

26 to a registered surveyor and mapper in the active practice of
27 surveying and mapping, 6 years of which must be of a nature
28 indicating that the applicant was in responsible charge of the
29 accuracy and correctness of the surveying and mapping work
30 performed; ~~or~~

31 2. Holds a valid license to practice surveying and mapping
32 issued by another state or territory of the United States if the
33 criteria for issuance of the license were substantially the same
34 as the licensure criteria that existed in Florida at the time
35 the license was issued; or

36 3. Holds a valid license to practice surveying and mapping
37 issued by another state or territory of the United States, is
38 currently in good standing with such licensing authority, and
39 has a specific experience record of at least 5 years as a
40 registered surveyor and mapper in the active practice of
41 surveying and mapping, which must be of a nature indicating that
42 the applicant was in responsible charge of the accuracy and
43 correctness of the surveying and mapping work performed.

44 (b) All applicants for licensure by endorsement must pass
45 the Florida law and rules portion of the examination prior to
46 licensure.

47 (c) For purposes of determining whether an applicant is in
48 good standing under subparagraph (a)3., the board may require
49 documentation, verification, or certification from the issuing
50 authority, and may independently evaluate disciplinary,

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regulatory, or competency records maintained by such authority
or other reliable sources. The board may adopt rules to
implement this section in a manner consistent with s. 472.008.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.