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SYNOPSIS

Revises regulation of landscape architects.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning landscape architects, amending the title and
2 body of P.L.1983, c.337, and revising and supplementing various
3 parts of the statutory law.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. The title of P.L.1983, c.337 is amended to read as follows:

9 AN ACT concerning the **[certification]** licensure of landscape
10 architects, amending parts of the statutory law and
11 supplementing chapter 3 of title 45 of the Revised Statutes.

12 (cf: P.L.1983, c.337, Title)

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14 2. R.S.45:3-1 is amended to read as follows:

15 45:3-1. The New Jersey State Board of Architects, hereinafter in
16 this chapter designated as the "board," created and established by an
17 act entitled "An act to regulate the practice of architecture,"
18 approved March twenty-fourth, one thousand nine hundred and two
19 (P.L.1902, c.29, p.54), as amended and supplemented, is continued.

20 The board shall consist of **[11]** 15 members: **[six]** eight of whom
21 shall be architects residing in this State and shall have been engaged
22 in the practice of their profession for at least 10 years; **[one]** three
23 of whom shall be **[a certified]** licensed landscape **[architect]**
24 architects in good standing and engaged in the practice of landscape
25 architecture for at least **[five]** 10 years pursuant to **[sections 4**
26 **through 18 of]** P.L.1983, c.337 (C.45:3A-1 et seq.), except as to the
27 initial **[appointment]** appointments to the board, who shall become
28 **[certified]** licensed as soon as practicable after **[his appointment]**
29 their appointments; one of whom shall be a certified interior
30 designer who is not a licensed architect and is certified pursuant to
31 P.L.2002, c.86 (C.45:3-31 et al.), in good standing and engaged in
32 providing interior design services for at least 10 years, except as to
33 the initial appointment to the board, who shall become certified as
34 soon as practicable after his appointment; two of whom shall be
35 public members and one of whom shall be a State executive
36 department member as prescribed pursuant to the provisions of
37 P.L.1971, c.60 (C.45:1-2.1 et seq.). On the effective date of **[this**
38 **act]** P.L.1950, c.323 the terms of office of the members of the
39 board shall cease and terminate, and they shall thereafter continue
40 in office as hold-over members until such time as the Governor
41 shall designate and appoint them to serve for new terms of office as
42 hereinafter provided. Within a period of 30 days after the effective
43 date of **[this act]** P.L.1950, c.323, or as soon thereafter as
44 circumstances shall permit, the Governor shall designate and

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 appoint said members to serve and hold office for the following
2 terms: one member for a term of one year from the date of such
3 designation and appointment; one member for a term of two years
4 from said date; one member for a term of three years from said date;
5 one member for a term of four years from said date; and one
6 member for a term of five years from said date. The initial
7 landscape architect appointment pursuant to P.L.1983, c.337 shall
8 be for a term of two years beginning July 1 next following the
9 appointment. The initial appointment of a certified interior designer
10 and the sixth architect appointed pursuant to **[this section]**
11 P.L.2002, c.86 (C.45:3-31 et al.) shall be for a term of three years
12 beginning July 1 next following the appointment. The initial
13 appointments of the second and third landscape architects pursuant
14 to P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
15 shall be for terms of two and three years, respectively, beginning
16 July 1 next following each appointment. The initial appointments
17 of the seventh and eighth architects pursuant to P.L. , c. (C.)
18 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) shall be for terms of
19 two and three years, respectively, beginning July 1 next following
20 each appointment. Should any vacancy exist on the board at the
21 time of appointment and designation of the members to the new
22 terms herein provided for, the Governor shall appoint a new
23 member to fill such vacancy, subject to the provisions of section 2
24 of P.L.1971, c.60 (C.45:1-2.2), such member to serve for any one of
25 the several terms herein fixed as the Governor in his discretion shall
26 designate. Thereafter, upon the expiration of the term of office of
27 any member, his successor shall be appointed by the Governor,
28 subject to the provisions of section 2 of P.L.1971, c.60 (C.45:1-2.2),
29 for a term of five years. Each member shall hold his office until his
30 successor has qualified. Any vacancy in the membership of the
31 board shall be filled for the unexpired term in the manner provided
32 for an original appointment. Except as hereinafter provided, the
33 members of the board shall serve without compensation.

34 (cf: P.L.2002, c.86, s.17)

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36 3. R.S.45:3-2 is amended to read as follows:

37 45:3-2. The members of the board shall, before entering upon
38 the discharge of their duties, and within **[thirty]** 30 days after their
39 appointment, take and subscribe an oath, for the faithful
40 performance of their duties, before an officer authorized to
41 administer oaths in this State, and file the same with the Secretary
42 of State. They shall annually elect a president and vice-president
43 from their number, and subject to the provisions of **[Chapter 439 of**
44 **the Laws of 1948]** P.L.1948, c.439 (C.52:17B-1 et seq.), and a
45 secretary who need not be a member of the board and who shall
46 also be director, each of whom shall hold office for one year and
47 until his successor has qualified. The secretary shall receive

1 compensation for his services as provided by [section 45:1-4 of this
2 Title] R.S.45:1-4. Special meetings of the board shall be called by
3 the secretary upon the request of any two members by giving at
4 least five days' written notice of the meeting to each member.
5 [Three] A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a
6 quorum.
7 (cf: P.L.1950, c.323, s.2)

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9 4. Section 4 of P.L.1983, c.337 (C.45:3A-1) is amended to read
10 as follows:

11 4. In order to safeguard life, health and property, and promote
12 the public welfare, a person using the title "landscape architect"
13 and engaging in the practice of landscape architecture in this State
14 is required to submit evidence that the person is qualified to be
15 [certified] licensed to practice landscape architecture as provided
16 in [this amendatory and supplementary act] P.L.1983, c.337
17 (C.45:3A-1 et seq.). It is unlawful for a person to use the title
18 "landscape architect" or any other title, sign, card or device in a
19 manner which tends to convey the impression that the person is a
20 [certified] licensed landscape architect. Every holder of a
21 [certificate] license shall display it in a conspicuous place in his
22 principal office, place of business or employment.

23 No corporation, firm, partnership or association shall be granted
24 a [certificate] license under [this amendatory and supplementary
25 act] P.L.1983, c.337 (C.45:3A-1 et seq.). No corporation, firm,
26 partnership or association shall practice landscape architecture or
27 use or assume a name involving the word "landscape architect," or
28 a modification or derivative of the term, unless an executive
29 officer, if a corporation, or a member, if a firm, partnership or
30 association, is a [certified] licensed landscape architect of the
31 State.
32 (cf: P.L.1983, c.337, s.4)

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34 5. Section 5 of P.L.1983, c.337 (C.45:3A-2) is amended to read
35 as follows:

36 5. As used in this act:
37 a. "[Certified] Licensed landscape architect" means an
38 individual who, by reason of his knowledge of natural, physical
39 [and] , mathematical and social sciences, and the principles and
40 methodology of landscape architecture and landscape architectural
41 design acquired by professional education, practical experience, or
42 both, is qualified to engage in the practice of landscape architecture
43 and is [certified] licensed by the board as a landscape architect.
44 b. "The practice of landscape architecture" means any service in
45 which the principles and methodology of landscape architecture are
46 applied in consultation, evaluation [and] , planning, and design,
47 including the preparation and filing of sketches, drawings, plans

1 and specifications for review and approval by governmental
2 agencies, and responsible administration of contracts [relative to
3 projects principally directed at the functional and aesthetic use of
4 land. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to restrict
5 or otherwise affect the right of any person or corporation to engage
6 in the practice of landscape architecture, but no person or
7 corporation shall hold himself out as, or use the title "certified
8 landscape architect," unless he has been certified pursuant to this
9 act] to the extent that the primary purpose of the contractual
10 services is the preservation, enhancement or determination of
11 proper land uses, natural land features, ground cover and planting,
12 naturalistic and aesthetic values, the settings and approaches, or
13 environment for structures or other improvements, the shaping and
14 contouring of land and water forms, natural drainage and
15 determination of related impacts, assessments, and problems of land
16 disturbance including erosion and sedimentation, blight, or other
17 hazards. This practice includes the location and arrangement of
18 those tangible objects and features as are incidental and necessary
19 for any government approval and as may be prescribed by State or
20 local authorities, but does not include the design of structures or
21 facilities ordinarily included in the practice of engineering or
22 architecture and does not include the making of land surveys, or
23 final land plats for official approval or recording or other services
24 as set forth in subsection (e) of section 2 of P.L.1938, c.342
25 (C.45:8-28).

26 The practice shall not prohibit any person from preparing
27 landscaping plans for sites where government review or approvals
28 are not required or where government review or approvals do not
29 require the signature and seal of a landscape architect.

30 c. ["Committee" means the Landscape Architect Examination
31 and Evaluation Committee.] (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c.)
32 (cf: P.L.1983, c.337, s.5)
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34 6. Section 6 of P.L.1983, c.337 (C.45:3A-3) is amended to read
35 as follows:

36 6. Nothing in [this amendatory and supplementary act]
37 P.L.1983, c.337 (C.45:3A-1 et seq.) shall be construed to prevent
38 the practice of architecture, engineering [or], land surveying or
39 professional planning by a holder of a license to practice that
40 profession licensed by this State, but no architect, engineer,
41 surveyor or professional planner shall use the designation
42 "landscape architect" unless [certified] licensed as a landscape
43 architect in this State.

44 (cf: P.L.1983, c.337, s.6)
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46 7. Section 9 of P.L.1983, c.337 (C.45:3A-6) is amended to read
47 as follows:

1 9. The **【committee】 board** is authorized to review the content
2 and duration of courses of study offered by colleges and
3 universities for degrees in landscape architecture and to establish
4 and maintain a register of colleges and universities whose curricula
5 in landscape architecture are approved by the **【committee】 board**;
6 to establish and maintain a list of recognized subjects and courses
7 of study, and to establish minimum requirements therefor which
8 shall be acceptable to the board **【and the committee】**.

9 In addition to those records of proceedings and applicants
10 established by the board, the **【committee】 board** shall keep a record
11 of its proceedings and a record of all applicants for **【certification】**
12 licensure, showing for each the date of application, name, age,
13 education, and other qualifications, place of practice and place of
14 residence, whether or not an examination was required, and whether
15 the applicant was rejected or a **【certificate】 license** granted, and
16 the date of that action.

17 (cf: P.L.1983, c.337, s.9)

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19 8. Section 10 of P.L.1983, c.337 (C.45:3A-7) is amended to read
20 as follows:

21 10. Each person applying for **【certification】 licensure** as a
22 landscape architect shall make application therefor to the board on
23 the form and in the manner the **【committee】 board** prescribes **【and**
24 the board shall immediately refer each application to the committee
25 for appropriate action**】**. Each applicant shall furnish evidence
26 satisfactory to the **【committee】 board** that he:

27 a. Is of good moral character;

28 b. Meets the educational and experience qualifications prescribed
29 by **【this amendatory and supplementary act】 P.L.1983, c.337**
30 (C.45:3A-1 et seq.) for **【certification】 licensure** as a landscape
31 architect; and

32 c. Unless exempt from examination pursuant to **【this**
33 amendatory and supplementary act**】 P.L.1983, c.337 (C.45:3A-1 et**
34 seq.), has passed an examination satisfactory to the **【committee】**
35 board.

36 (cf: P.L.1983, c.337, s.10)

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38 9. Section 11 of P.L.1983, c.337 (C.45:3A-8) is amended to
39 read as follows:

40 11. a. An applicant for examination or **【certification】 licensure**
41 as a landscape architect shall provide the **【committee】 board** with
42 evidence satisfactory to it that he:

43 (1) Is the holder of a bachelor's or higher degree in landscape
44 architecture from a college or university having a landscape
45 architecture curriculum approved by the **【committee】 board**; and

1 (2) Has engaged in landscape architectural work satisfactory to
2 the ~~committee~~ board to an extent that his combined college study
3 and practical experience total at least ~~six~~ eight years.

4 b. ~~In lieu of the degree and practical experience requirements~~
5 ~~specified in paragraph a. of this section, evidence of 10 or more~~
6 ~~years of practical experience in landscape architecture of a grade~~
7 ~~and character satisfactory to the committee may be accepted. Each~~
8 ~~complete year of study satisfactory to the committee may be~~
9 ~~accepted in lieu of one year's practical experience toward the~~
10 ~~required total of 10 years. Six years of practical experience~~
11 ~~satisfactory to the committee may be accepted by the committee for~~
12 ~~admission to that portion of the examination related to landscape~~
13 ~~architecture.] (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c.)~~

14 c. ~~Six~~ Eight years after the effective date of ~~this act~~
15 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), an
16 applicant shall be eligible for ~~certification~~ licensure as a
17 landscape architect only if he meets the requirements of subsection
18 a. of this section.

19 d. For a period of one year from the effective date of P.L. , c.
20 (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), a licensed
21 architect or licensed professional engineer may be licensed by the
22 board as a landscape architect provided that:

23 (1) The architect or engineer meets the educational standards for
24 licensure as established by the board in accordance with paragraph
25 (2) of this subsection;

26 (2) The board is authorized to review the content and duration of
27 courses of study offered by colleges and universities for degrees in
28 architecture and engineering and to establish and maintain a register
29 of colleges and universities whose curricula in architecture and
30 engineering are approved by the board as containing sufficient
31 recognized subjects and courses of study in landscape architecture
32 to meet such minimum requirements therefor, which shall be
33 deemed acceptable to the board;

34 (3) The architect or engineer has engaged in landscape
35 architectural work satisfactory to the board for a period of not less
36 than five years; and

37 (4) The architect or engineer has passed, as determined by the
38 board, the landscape architect examination administered by the
39 board to individuals applying for licensure as landscape architects.
40 (cf: P.L.1983, c.337, s.11)

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42 10. Section 12 of P.L.1983, c.337 (C.45:3A-9) is amended to
43 read as follows:

44 12. The following fees shall be assessed and collected by the
45 board:

46 a. An application fee for ~~certification~~ licensure as a
47 landscape architect which shall not be subject to refund;

1 b. An examination fee and initial two-year **[certification]**
2 licensure fee for landscape architects which shall be subject to
3 refund if the applicant is determined to be ineligible for
4 examination, withdraws his application for examination, or fails to
5 appear for examination;

6 c. A two-year renewal fee for landscape architects; and

7 d. A reinstatement fee for **[certified]** licensed landscape
8 architects.

9 (cf: P.L.1983, c.337, s.12)

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11 11. Section 13 of P.L.1983, c.337 (C.45:3A-10) is amended to
12 read as follows:

13 13. a. The **[committee]** board shall administer an examination
14 to be given to all persons, not exempt from examination pursuant to
15 **[this amendatory and supplementary act]** P.L.1983, c.337
16 (C.45:3A-1 et seq.), who have applied for **[certification]** licensure
17 as landscape architects.

18 b. The **[committee]** board may exempt from examination an
19 applicant who holds a license or certificate to practice landscape
20 architecture issued to him upon examination by a legally constituted
21 board of examiners in any state, district or territory in the United
22 States, provided the applicant's qualifications meet the requirements
23 enforced in this State at the time the license or certificate was
24 issued.

25 Unless a majority of the **[full committee]** board shall determine
26 otherwise, the examination to be administered to all nonexempt
27 applicants shall consist of the **[Unified National Examination]**
28 Landscape Architect Registration Examination as prepared by the
29 Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards.

30 c. A landscape architect holding a valid certificate issued by
31 the board pursuant to P.L.1983, c.337 (C.45:3A-1 et seq.) on the
32 effective date of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature
33 as this bill) shall be exempt from any examination requirements
34 provided by P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as
35 this bill) and shall be considered a licensed landscape architect
36 immediately upon that effective date and provided with a license as
37 a landscape architect at the next renewal pursuant to section 15 of
38 P.L.1983, c.337 (C.45:3A-12 et seq.).

39 (cf: P.L.1983, c.337, s.13)

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41 12. Section 14 of P.L.1983, c.337 (C.45:3A-11) is amended to
42 read as follows:

43 14. The **[committee]** board shall review the qualifications of
44 each person who applies for **[certification]** licensure as a landscape
45 architect. Notwithstanding any other provision of **[this amendatory**
46 **and supplementary act]** P.L.1983, c.337 (C.45:3A-1 et seq.) to the
47 contrary, no applicant shall be **[certified]** licensed by the board

1 unless [a majority of] the [full committee] board first determines
2 that he is qualified by education, experience and satisfactory
3 performance on the examination to be [certified] licensed as a
4 landscape architect and all applicants who are determined to be so
5 qualified [and are recommended for certification by the
6 committee] shall be [certified] licensed by the board.

7 [The board is authorized to review the actions taken by the
8 committee with respect to the committee's evaluation and
9 examination of applicants for certification as landscape architects
10 but the board may reverse, modify or fail to implement any of the
11 above described actions of the committee only by the affirmative
12 vote of at least six members of the board.]

13 (cf: P.L.1983, c.337, s.14)

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15 13. Section 15 of P.L.1983, c.337 (C.45:3A-12) is amended to
16 read as follows:

17 15. [Certificates] Licenses for landscape architects shall expire
18 on May 30 in the second year next following the year of issuance,
19 renewal or reinstatement, and shall become invalid on that day
20 unless renewed. [Certified] Licensed landscape architects shall
21 apply for renewal before May 30 in the year of expiration of a
22 [certificate] license. On or before May 1 in the year of expiration
23 of a [certificate] license the secretary of the board shall notify all
24 persons [certified] licensed under [this amendatory and
25 supplementary act] P.L.1983, c.337 (C.45:3A-1 et seq.) of the date
26 of the expiration of their [certificates] licenses and the amount of
27 the renewal fee. Notice shall be mailed to each [holder of a
28 certificate] licensee at his last post office address known to the
29 board.

30 Failure on the part of the [holder of a certificate] licensee to
31 renew his [certificate] license every two years in the month of May
32 shall not deprive that person of the right of renewal during the
33 ensuing two years, but a reinstatement fee shall be added to the
34 [certificate] license fee; and if the [certificate] license is not
35 renewed within the two years next following its expiration, the
36 [holder of the certificate] licensee shall pay a reinstatement fee for
37 each two years or portion thereof in which the [holder] licensee is
38 in arrears. Continuing to use the title "landscape architect" after the
39 expiration of the [certificate] license shall be a violation of [this
40 amendatory and supplementary act] P.L.1983, c.337 (C.45:3A-1 et
41 seq.).

42 A duplicate [certificate] license to replace one lost, destroyed or
43 mutilated may be issued subject to the rules and regulations of the
44 board, and a reasonable fee, to be established by the board may be
45 charged for each duplicate [certificate] license. An unsuspended,

1 unrevoked and unexpired **【certificate】** license as a landscape
2 architect under **【this act】** P.L.1983, c.337 (C.45:3A-1 et seq.) shall
3 be prima facie evidence in all courts and places that the person
4 named therein is **【certified】** licensed. Each **【certificate】** license
5 shall be recorded by the board in the office of the Secretary of
6 State, in a book kept for that purpose, and any recording fee as may
7 be provided by law shall be paid by the applicant before the
8 **【certificate】** license is delivered.

9 (cf: P.L.1983, c.337, s. 15)

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11 14. Section 16 of P.L.1983, c.337 (C.45:3A-13) is amended to
12 read as follows:

13 16. Every person **【using the title "landscape architect"】**
14 licensed to practice landscape architecture shall have a seal of a
15 type approved by the board, which shall contain the name of the
16 landscape architect, his **【certificate】** license number, the legend
17 "**【certified】** licensed landscape architect" and other words or
18 figures as the board may deem necessary. All working drawings
19 and specifications prepared by the landscape architect or under the
20 supervision of the landscape architect shall be stamped with the seal
21 and shall be signed on the original, with the personal signature of
22 the **【certified】** licensed landscape architect, when filed with public
23 officials. The board **【,** upon recommendation and approval of the
24 committee,**】** may by regulation, change or modify the requirements
25 as to the signing and sealing of documents.

26 (cf: P.L.1983, c.337, s.16)

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28 15. Section 18 of P.L.1983, c.337 (C.45:3A-15) is amended to
29 read as follows:

30 18. **【Four】** a. Except as provided in subsections b. and c of this
31 section, two years from the effective date of **【this amendatory and**
32 **supplementary act】** P.L. _____, c. _____ (C. _____) (pending before the
33 Legislature as this bill) and every **【four】** two years thereafter, each
34 person **【certified】** licensed to practice landscape architecture in this
35 State shall certify to the board, upon a form issued and distributed
36 by the board, that the person has attended, or participated in not less
37 than **【20】** 24 hours of continuing education in landscape
38 architecture as follows: college postgraduate courses, lectures,
39 seminars, or workshops, as approved by the **【committee】** board or
40 any other evidence of continuing education which the board may
41 approve.

42 b. Two years from the effective date of P.L. _____, c. _____
43 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) and every two years
44 thereafter, each architect who is licensed to practice landscape
45 architecture pursuant to subsection d. of section 11 of P.L.1983,
46 c.337 (C.45:3A-8), shall certify to the board, upon a form issued

1 and distributed by the board, that the person has attended or
2 participated in not less than 12 hours of continuing education in
3 landscape architecture as follows: college postgraduate courses,
4 lectures, seminars, or workshops, as approved by the board or any
5 other evidence of continuing education which the board may
6 approve.

7 c. Two years from the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.)
8 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) and every two years
9 thereafter, each professional engineer who is licensed to practice
10 landscape architecture pursuant to subsection d. of section 11 of
11 P.L.1983, c.337 (C.45:3A-8), shall certify to the board, upon a form
12 issued and distributed by the board, that the person has attended or
13 participated in not less than 24 hours of continuing education in
14 landscape architecture as follows: college postgraduate courses,
15 lectures, seminars, or workshops, as approved by the board or any
16 other evidence of continuing education which the board may
17 approve.

18 (cf: P.L.1983, c.337, s.18)

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20 16. (New section) All jurisdiction, powers, duties and
21 responsibilities heretofore vested in the Landscape Architect
22 Examination and Evaluation Committee with respect to the practice
23 of landscape architecture shall be immediately transferred to and
24 vested in the New Jersey State Board of Architects, which board
25 shall hereafter govern the practice of landscape architecture in this
26 State in accordance with all applicable laws.

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28 17. The following sections are repealed:
29 Section 7 of P.L.1983, c.337 (C.45:3A-4);
30 Section 8 of P.L.1983, c.337 (C.45:3A-5); and
31 Section 17 of P.L.1983, c.337 (C.45:3A-14).

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33 18. This act shall take effect on the 180th day following
34 enactment.

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STATEMENT

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39 This bill abolishes the Landscape Architect Examination and
40 Evaluation Committee and transfers the powers, duties and
41 responsibilities of the committee to the New Jersey State Board of
42 Architects.

43 The bill revises the law concerning the regulation of landscape
44 architects to provide for the licensure of landscape architects, as
45 opposed to the current law which provides for the certification of
46 landscape architects. The bill also “grandfathers” existing certified
47 landscape architects so that they may be considered licensed landscape
48 architects upon the effective date of the bill.

1 The bill also amends the definition of “the practice of landscape
2 architecture” to mean any service in which the principles and
3 methodology of landscape architecture are applied in consultation,
4 evaluation, planning, and design, including the preparation and filing
5 of sketches, drawings, plans and specifications for review and
6 approval by governmental agencies, and responsible administration of
7 contracts to the extent that the primary purpose of the contractual
8 services is the preservation, enhancement or determination of proper
9 land uses, natural land features, ground cover and planting, naturalistic
10 and aesthetic values, the settings and approaches, or environment for
11 structures or other improvements, the shaping and contouring of land
12 and water forms, natural drainage and determination of related
13 impacts, assessments, and problems of land disturbance including
14 erosion and sedimentation, blight, or other hazards. This practice
15 includes the location and arrangement of those tangible objects and
16 features as are incidental and necessary to the purposes outlined in the
17 law and as may be prescribed by State or local authorities, but does not
18 include the design of structures or facilities ordinarily included in the
19 practice of engineering or architecture and does not include the making
20 of land surveys, or final land plats for official approval or recording or
21 other services relating to a definition of what constitutes the practice of
22 land surveying.

23 The bill, however, does not prohibit any person from preparing
24 landscaping plans for sites where government review or approvals are
25 not required or where government review or approvals do not require
26 the signature and seal of a landscape architect.

27 The bill also increases the required amount of combined education
28 and practical experience for licensure as a landscape architect from at
29 least six years to at least eight years, as provided in N.J.S.A.45:3A-8.

30 Additionally, the bill increases the minimum continuing
31 education requirements for licensed landscape architects, as
32 provided by N.J.S.A.45:3A-15. As provided in the bill, a licensed
33 landscape architect must participate in at least 24 hours of
34 continuing education classes, rather than the current statutory
35 requirement of at least 20 hours, and provides that a licensed
36 landscape architect must complete these requirements every two
37 years.

38 Also, the bill increases the membership of the New Jersey State
39 Board of Architects from 11 to 15 by adding two additional licensed
40 landscape architects and two additional licensed architects to the
41 board. As provided in the bill, the licensed landscape architects
42 serving on the board shall have been engaged in the practice of
43 landscape architecture for at least 10 years. Under current law, the
44 landscape architect serving on the board is required to have been
45 engaged in the practice of landscape architecture for at least five
46 years.

47 The bill further provides that following enactment of the bill, for
48 one year from the effective date of this act, a licensed architect or

1 licensed professional engineer may be licensed as a landscape
2 architect, provided that the architect or engineer meets certain
3 educational standards enumerated in the bill; has engaged in
4 landscape architectural work satisfactory to the board for a period
5 of not less than five years; and has passed the landscape architect
6 examination administered by the board to individuals applying for
7 licensure as landscape architects. The bill further stipulates that
8 such licensed architects who are licensed as landscape architects
9 shall biennially complete not less than 12 hours of continuing
10 education in landscape architecture and that such licensed
11 professional engineers shall biennially complete not less than 24
12 hours of continuing education in landscape architecture.