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To amend sections 4703.02 and 4703.33 of the
Revised Code to make changes governing the
architects board and the landscape architects
board regarding continuing education
requirements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 4703.02 and 4703.33 of the
Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4703.02. The architects board shall organize by
electing from its membership a president and a secretary, and
also a vice-president and an assistant secretary, who shall act
during absence or disability of the president or secretary
respectively.

The board shall adopt all necessary rules, regulations,
and bylaws, not inconsistent with sections 4703.01 to 4703.19 of
the Revised Code and the constitutions and laws of this state or
of the United States, to govern its times and places of meeting
for organization and reorganization, for the holding of
examinations, and for fixing the length of the term of its
officers. The board, under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, may

adopt, promulgate, and enforce rules governing the standards of 20
education, service, conduct, and practice to be followed in the 21
practice of the profession of architecture in the state, 22
including rules for the enforcement of sections 4703.01 to 23
4703.19 of the Revised Code. The board shall include among the 24
rules adopted governing the standards of practice, requirements 25
regarding financial responsibility and professional liability 26
insurance. The board may adopt rules pertaining to the 27
satisfactory completion of continuing education requirements. 28

~~If the board adopts rules pertaining to continuing 29
education requirements, the board shall specify in the rules 30
that the continuing education requirements may be satisfied by 31
coursework or activities dealing with technical, ethical, or 32
managerial topics relevant to the practice of architecture and 33
that a registrant may earn continuing professional education 34
hours by completing or teaching university or college level 35
coursework; attending seminars, workshops, or conferences; 36
authoring relevant published papers, articles, or books; 37
receiving patent awards; actively participating in professional 38
or technical societies serving the architecture profession, or 39
actively participating in any other activity deemed relevant by 40
the board. If the board adopts rules pertaining to continuing 41
education requirements, the board shall, in general, follow 42
model continuing education recommendations established by the 43
national council of architectural registration boards or a 44
similar successor organization. 45~~

The board shall issue to each successful examination 46
applicant a certificate of qualification to practice 47
architecture and shall impress on each certificate issued the 48
seal of the board. 49

The secretary of the board shall be responsible for 50
keeping a true and complete record of all proceedings of the 51
board. The board may employ an executive secretary, 52
investigators, and clerical assistance it determines necessary. 53

Sec. 4703.33. (A) The Ohio landscape architects board, in 54
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, may adopt, 55
amend, and enforce rules governing the standards for education, 56
experience, services, conduct, and practice to be followed in 57
the practice of the profession of landscape architecture and 58
rules pertaining to the satisfactory completion of continuing 59
education requirements. ~~If the board adopts rules pertaining to 60
continuing education requirements, the board shall specify in 61
the rules that the continuing education requirements may be 62
satisfied by coursework or activities dealing with technical, 63
ethical, or managerial topics relevant to the practice of 64
landscape architecture and that a registrant may earn continuing 65
professional education hours by completing or teaching 66
university or college level coursework; attending seminars, 67
workshops, or conferences; authoring relevant published papers, 68
articles, or books; receiving patent awards; actively 69
participating in professional or technical societies serving the 70
landscape architecture profession, or actively participating in 71
any other activity deemed relevant by the board. If the board 72
adopts rules pertaining to continuing education requirements, 73
the board shall, in general, follow model continuing education 74
recommendations established by the council of landscape 75
architectural registration boards or a similar successor 76
organization. 77~~

(B) The board, or the board's designee, shall hold 78
examinations not less than once annually and shall register as a 79
landscape architect each applicant who demonstrates to the 80

satisfaction of the board that the applicant has met all the requirements of section 4703.34 of the Revised Code. 81
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(C) The board shall issue to each individual registered pursuant to this section a certificate of qualification. 83
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(D) The board shall appoint at least one of its members as a delegate to each regional and annual meeting of the council of landscape architectural registration boards. 85
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Section 2. That existing sections 4703.02 and 4703.33 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 88
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