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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, JULY 9, 2008

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 14, 1982 (P.L.1227, No.281),  
2 entitled "An act regulating the practice of architecture in  
3 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; providing for the  
4 examination and licensure of architects by a State Architects  
5 Licensure Board; and providing penalties," further providing  
6 for issuance and renewal of certificates.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 10 of the act of December 14, 1982  
10 (P.L.1227, No.281), known as the Architects Licensure Law, is  
11 amended by adding a subsection to read:

12 Section 10. Issuance and renewal of certificates.

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14 (a.1) As a condition for the biennial renewal of a  
15 certificate to practice architecture, an architect must provide  
16 certification of successful completion of a minimum of 24 hours  
17 of continuing education during the immediately preceding two  
18 years. A minimum of 12 hours of the continuing education shall  
19 be in the areas of health, safety and welfare of the general

public. A resident of another jurisdiction who is licensed to  
engage in the practice of architecture in the jurisdiction in  
which the architect's primary office is located shall be deemed  
to have satisfied the board's continuing education requirement  
if the architect certified on the board's biennial renewal  
application that the architect has satisfied the requirement of  
the architect's jurisdiction of residency and primary office.  
Certification of credit hours submitted by the architect shall  
be properly signed as being correct and true. An individual  
applying for initial licensure shall be exempt from the  
continuing education requirement during the biennial licensure  
prior in which the individual obtained initial licensure. The  
board may waive all or part of the continuing education  
requirement for an architect who shows evidence, to the board's  
satisfaction, that the architect was unable to complete the  
requirement due to illness, emergency or hardship.

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Section 2. The board shall promulgate regulations to carry  
out the provisions of the addition of section 10(a.1) of the  
act. Publication of the final-form regulations under this  
section shall take place within 18 months of the effective date  
of this section.

Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.