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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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PAYNE, SIPTROTH AND PASHINSKI, MARCH 3, 2009

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of January 24, 1966 (1965 P.L.1527, No.535),  
2 entitled "An act providing for and regulating the licensing  
3 of landscape architects; fixing fees; creating the State  
4 Board of Landscape Architects; imposing powers and duties on  
5 the Department of State, the Commissioner of Professional and  
6 Occupational Affairs and the board; and prescribing unlawful  
7 acts and penalties," further providing for application for  
8 license and qualifications and experience requirements of  
9 applicants and for continuing education.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. Section 6(c) of the act of January 24, 1966 (1965  
13 P.L.1527, No.535), known as the Landscape Architects'  
14 Registration Law, amended March 7, 1984 (P.L.129, No.24), is  
15 amended to read:

16 Section 6. Application for License; Qualifications and  
17 Experience Requirements of Applicants.--\* \* \*

18 (c) The board may register and license without written  
19 examination [(i)] a person who holds an unexpired license or  
20 certification of registration issued by proper authority of  
21 another state or foreign country in which the requirements and

1 qualifications to engage in the practice of landscape  
2 architecture were at the time of initial issuance of a license  
3 or certificate of registration at least equal to the standards  
4 of this Commonwealth existing at that time[; or (ii) an  
5 applicant who has ten years of active experience as a landscape  
6 architect and is a graduate of an approved institution, or who  
7 has fifteen years of active experience even though not a  
8 graduate of an approved institution, if in the opinion of the  
9 board the experience is of such grade and character as to fit  
10 the person to assume responsible charge of work involved in the  
11 practice of landscape architecture].

12 Section 2. Section 9.1(b) of the act, added December 7, 1994  
13 (P.L.774, No.107), is amended to read:

14 Section 9.1. Continuing Education Required.--\* \* \*

15 (b) Beginning with the license period designated by  
16 [regulation] the board, each person licensed under this act  
17 shall be required to obtain [ten] twenty-four hours of mandatory  
18 continuing education during each two-year license period. A  
19 licensed landscape architect who wishes to activate a license  
20 which has been placed on inactive status shall be required to  
21 document [ten] twenty-four hours of continuing education.

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