

**HOUSE BILL 1203**

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**By** Representatives R. King and Fuhrman; by request of Department of Licensing.

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1 AN ACT Relating to landscape architects; amending RCW 18.96.040,  
2 18.96.080, 18.96.090, 18.96.100, and 18.96.150; and reenacting and  
3 amending RCW 18.96.110.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.96.040 and 1985 c 18 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 There is created a state board of registration for landscape  
8 architects. The board shall consist of (~~three~~) four landscape  
9 architects and (~~two~~) one member(~~s~~) of the general public. Members  
10 of the board shall be appointed by the governor and must be residents  
11 of this state having the qualifications required by this chapter.

12 No public member of the board may be a past or present member of  
13 any other licensing board under this title. No public member may make  
14 his or her own livelihood from, nor have a parent, spouse, or child

1 make their respective livelihood from providing landscape architect  
2 services, or from enterprises dealing in landscape architecture.

3 The landscape architect members of the board must, while serving on  
4 the board, be actively engaged in their profession or trade and,  
5 immediately preceding appointment, have had at least five years  
6 experience in responsible charge of work or teaching within their  
7 profession or trade.

8 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.96.080 and 1985 c 7 s 74 are each amended to read  
9 as follows:

10 Application for registration shall be filed with the director prior  
11 to the date set for examination and shall contain statements made under  
12 oath showing the applicant's education and a detailed summary of  
13 ~~((his))~~ practical experience, and shall contain not less than ~~((five))~~  
14 three references ~~((, of whom three or more shall be))~~ who are landscape  
15 architects having personal knowledge of ~~((his))~~ the applicant's  
16 landscape architectural experience.

17 ~~((The application fee shall be determined by the director as  
18 provided in RCW 43.24.086 and shall include a nonrefundable examination  
19 fee, and a fee for issuance of the certificate.~~

20 ~~The application fee for reexamination shall be determined by the  
21 director as provided in RCW 43.24.086 and shall include, and must be  
22 filed with the director not less than six days prior to the date set  
23 for examination.~~

24 ~~At any time within the first two years following August 11, 1969,  
25 the board shall certify for registration, without examination, any  
26 applicant who submits proof that he has had at least a combination of  
27 education and experience substantially equivalent to six years of  
28 practice in landscape architecture prior to August 11, 1969)) The  
29 application fee for initial examination shall be determined by the~~

1 director as provided in RCW 43.24.086. The application and fee must be  
2 submitted to the agency prior to the application deadline established  
3 by the director.

4 Fees for initial examination and reexamination shall be determined  
5 by the director as provided in RCW 43.24.086, and must be filed with  
6 the agency prior to the application deadline established by the  
7 director.

8 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.96.090 and 1985 c 18 s 2 are each amended to read  
9 as follows:

10 Examinations of applicants for certificates of registration shall  
11 be held at least annually or at such times and places as the board may  
12 determine. The board shall determine from the examination and the  
13 material submitted with the applications whether or not the applicants  
14 possess sufficient knowledge, ability and moral fitness to safely and  
15 properly practice landscape architecture and to hold themselves out to  
16 the public as persons qualified for that practice.

17 The scope of the examination and methods of examination procedure  
18 shall be prescribed by the board with special reference to landscape  
19 construction materials and methods, grading and drainage, plant  
20 materials suited for use in the northwest, specifications and  
21 supervisory practice, history and theory of landscape architecture  
22 relative to landscape architectural design, site planning and land  
23 design, subdivision, urban design, and a practical knowledge of botany,  
24 horticulture and similar subjects related to the practice of landscape  
25 architecture. The board may adopt an appropriate national examination  
26 and grading procedure.

27 Applicants who fail to pass any ((subjects)) sections of the  
28 examination shall be permitted to retake the examination in the  
29 ((subjects)) sections failed. A passing grade in any ((subject-area))

1 section shall exempt the applicant from examination in that (~~subject~~)  
2 section for five years(~~(:—PROVIDED, That failure to complete~~  
3 ~~successfully the entire examination within five years will result in~~  
4 ~~requiring a retake of the entire examination))). The board may  
5 determine the standard for passing grades computed on a scale of one  
6 hundred percent. A certificate of registration shall be granted by the  
7 director to all qualified applicants who shall be certified by the  
8 board as having passed the required examination and as having given  
9 satisfactory proof of completion of the required experience.~~

10 **Sec. 4.** RCW 18.96.100 and 1985 c 7 s 75 are each amended to read  
11 as follows:

12 The director may, upon payment of a (~~filing and investigation~~)  
13 reciprocity application fee (~~including~~) and the current registration  
14 fee in an amount as determined by the director as provided in RCW  
15 43.24.086, grant a certificate of registration (~~without examination~~),  
16 upon recommendation by the board, to any applicant who is a registered  
17 landscape architect in any other state or country whose requirements  
18 for registration are at least substantially equivalent to the  
19 requirements of this state for registration by examination, and which  
20 extends the same privileges of reciprocity to landscape architects  
21 registered in this state.

22 **Sec. 5.** RCW 18.96.110 and 1985 c 19 s 3 & 1985 c 7 s 76 are each  
23 reenacted and amended to read as follows:

24 The renewal date for certificates of registration shall (~~expire on~~  
25 ~~the last day of June three years following their issuance or renewal~~)  
26 be set by the director. The director shall set the fee for renewal  
27 which shall be determined as provided in RCW 43.24.086. (~~Renewal may~~

1 ~~be effected during the month of June by payment to the director of the~~  
2 ~~required fee.))~~

3       (~~In case any~~) If a registrant fails to pay the renewal fee  
4 ~~((before))~~ within thirty days after the ~~((due))~~ renewal date, the  
5 renewal ~~((fee shall be the current fee plus an amount equal to one~~  
6 ~~year's fee at the discretion of the board: PROVIDED, That))~~ shall be  
7 delinquent. The renewal fee for a delinquent renewal and the penalty  
8 fee for a delinquent renewal shall be established by the director. Any  
9 registrant in good standing, upon fully retiring from landscape  
10 architectural practice, may withdraw from practice by giving written  
11 notice to the director, and may thereafter resume practice at any time  
12 upon payment of the then current ~~((annual))~~ renewal fee. Any  
13 registrant, other than a properly withdrawn licensee, who fails to  
14 renew his or her registration for a period of ~~((one year))~~ more than  
15 five years may ~~((reinstate only on reexamination as is required for new~~  
16 ~~registrants))~~ be reinstated under such circumstances as the board  
17 determines.

18       **Sec. 6.** RCW 18.96.150 and 1969 ex.s. c 158 s 15 are each amended  
19 to read as follows:

20       The director shall issue a certificate of registration upon payment  
21 of the registration fee as provided in this chapter to any applicant  
22 who has satisfactorily met all requirements for registration. All  
23 certificates of registration shall show the full name of the  
24 registrant, shall have a serial number and shall be signed by the  
25 chairman and the executive secretary of the board, and by the director.

26       Each registrant shall obtain a seal of a design authorized by the  
27 board, bearing the registrant's name and the legend, "registered  
28 landscape architect". All sheets of drawings and title pages of  
29 specifications prepared by the registrant shall be stamped with said

1 seal.