

SENATE FILE NO. SF0113

Architects practice act-amendments.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Pappas, Barlow, Case, Gierau and  
Nethercott and Representative(s) Olsen, Yin  
and Zwonitzer, Dn

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to professions and occupations; amending  
2 the qualifications of persons applying to become a licensed  
3 architect or landscape architect; removing the requirement  
4 that architects be notified of pending license expirations;  
5 authorizing the board of architecture to use annual renewal  
6 fees to offer continuing education programs as specified;  
7 and providing for an effective date.

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9 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 33-4-105(a), (b)(iii), 33-4-107 and  
12 33-4-109 are amended to read:

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14 **33-4-105. Application for licensure; qualifications.**

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1           (a) Any person wishing to practice architecture or  
2 landscape architecture in this state who is not a licensed  
3 architect or landscape architect shall make application for  
4 ~~examination~~licensure as prescribed by the board.

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6           (b) Each applicant shall:

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8                   (iii) ~~Hold~~Provide documentation of successful  
9 completion of either a professional degree in architecture  
10 or landscape architecture from an accredited school of  
11 architecture or landscape architecture with practical  
12 experience and examination, or an education alternative  
13 with practical experience and examination in accordance  
14 with standards set forth by the national council of  
15 architectural registration boards or the council of  
16 landscape architectural registration boards, as the board  
17 deems appropriate.

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19           **33-4-107. License fee and renewal fee set by board;**  
20 **notice of expiration; failure to renew.**

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22 Persons practicing architecture or landscape architecture  
23 within this state shall pay initial and renewal license

1 fees as set by the board pursuant to W.S. 33-1-201. Initial  
2 licenses shall expire on the thirty-first day of December  
3 of the year following the date of issuance. A renewal  
4 license shall be issued by the board upon application and  
5 payment of the renewal fee, and shall be for a two (2) year  
6 period. Application for renewal shall be accompanied by  
7 evidence satisfactory to the board of compliance with this  
8 act and participation in continuing education activities as  
9 established by rules and regulations of the board, provided  
10 that requirements for renewal shall be no more stringent  
11 than the requirements recommended by the national council  
12 of architectural registration boards or the council of  
13 landscape architectural registration boards. The board may  
14 waive the continuing education requirement for the first  
15 renewal of a license. ~~The secretary of the board shall~~  
16 ~~notify each registrant by mail at his last known address at~~  
17 ~~least two (2) months prior to the date of the expiration of~~  
18 ~~his license.~~ Failure of a licensee to secure renewal of his  
19 license prior to the date of its expiration shall forfeit  
20 his license to practice architecture within the state.  
21 ~~provided, however, that the secretary of the board shall~~  
22 ~~again notify the registrant by certified mail at his last~~  
23 ~~known address at least two (2) weeks before the expiration~~

1 ~~date.~~ Any licensee on active duty in the armed forces of  
2 the United States, or who shall establish his residence  
3 elsewhere, upon returning to the state may apply for a  
4 renewal if the license was not revoked for any cause.

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6 **33-4-109. Disposition of money collected;**  
7 **compensation for members of board.**

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9 (a) All money shall be received and deposited to a  
10 separate account and payments made according to regulations  
11 established by the department of administration and  
12 information. The members of the board shall receive per  
13 diem and mileage allowance as provided in W.S.  
14 33-1-302(a)(vii), for each official board meeting. The  
15 total expense for every purpose incurred by the board shall  
16 not exceed the total of revenue collected.

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18 (b) The board may use up to one-half (1/2) of its  
19 annual renewal fees for the purpose of contracting with  
20 institutions of higher education, professional  
21 organizations or qualified persons to provide educational  
22 programs that meet the board's continuing education  
23 requirements promulgated under W.S. 33-4-107. The board may

1 also treat funds set aside for the purpose of continuing  
2 education as state funds for the purpose of accepting any  
3 funds made available under federal law on a matching basis  
4 to implement programs of continuing education.

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6 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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