

1 SENATE BILL 61

2 57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO LICENSURE; AMENDING THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS ACT;
12 LOWERING THE REQUIRED MINIMUM YEARS OF EXPERIENCE FOR A LICENSE
13 APPLICANT WITHOUT A DEGREE FROM TEN TO EIGHT YEARS; AUTHORIZING
14 THE BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS TO INCREASE THE REQUIRED
15 NUMBER OF YEARS OF EXPERIENCE FOR A LICENSE APPLICANT WITH OR
16 WITHOUT A DEGREE TO BRING NEW MEXICO'S LICENSE REQUIREMENTS IN
17 ACCORD WITH NATIONAL MODEL LEGISLATION OR ACCREDITATION
18 STANDARDS BY RULE.

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

21 SECTION 1. Section 61-24B-8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1985,
22 Chapter 151, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

23 "61-24B-8. QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION.--

24 A. A person desiring to become registered as a
25 landscape architect shall make application to the board on a

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1 written form and in such manner as the board prescribes, pay
2 all required application fees and certify and furnish evidence
3 to the board that the applicant:

4 [A.] (1) has graduated from an accredited
5 program in landscape architecture at a school, college or
6 university and has a minimum of two years of practical
7 experience acceptable to the board; ~~[at least one year of which~~
8 ~~shall be under the supervision of a landscape architect;~~

9 B.] (2) has graduated from a nonaccredited
10 program of landscape architecture at a school, college or
11 university offering a minimum four-year bachelor's degree
12 curriculum or a minimum two-year master's degree curriculum and
13 has a minimum of four years of practical experience acceptable
14 to the board; ~~[at least one year of which shall be under the~~
15 ~~supervision of a landscape architect;~~

16 C.] (3) has graduated from a program in a
17 field related to landscape architecture at a school, college or
18 university offering a minimum four-year bachelor's degree
19 curriculum or a minimum two-year master's degree curriculum and
20 has a minimum of ~~[five]~~ six years of practical experience
21 acceptable to the board ~~[at least one year of which shall be~~
22 ~~under the supervision of a landscape architect]; or~~

23 [D.] (4) has a minimum of ~~[ten]~~ eight years of
24 practical experience in landscape architectural work that is
25 acceptable to the board ~~[at least one year of which shall be~~

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1 ~~under the supervision of a landscape architect~~; provided that:

2 [~~(1)~~] (a) each satisfactorily completed
3 year of study in an accredited program of landscape
4 architecture may be accepted in lieu of one year of practical
5 experience required under this [~~subsection~~] paragraph; or

6 [~~(2)~~] (b) a baccalaureate degree from a
7 school, college or university may be accepted in lieu of two
8 years of practical experience required under this [~~subsection~~]
9 paragraph.

10 B. The board may increase the required number of
11 years of experience required under this section in order to
12 bring New Mexico into accord with national model legislation or
13 accreditation standards by rule."