

Stephanie Gricius proposes the following substitute bill:

Professional License Degree Amendments

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Stephanie Gricius

Senate Sponsor:

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3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5 This bill modifies licensure requirements for architects, environmental health scientists,
6 geologists, and land surveyors.

7 **Highlighted Provisions:**

8 This bill:

- 9 ▸ requires the board to maintain multiple pathways to licensure for architects;
- 10 ▸ amends certain processes and procedures related to licensing requirements for:
- 11 • architects;
- 12 • environmental health scientists;
- 13 • land surveyors; and
- 14 • geologists; and
- 15 ▸ makes technical and conforming changes.

16 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

17 None

18 **Other Special Clauses:**

19 None

20 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

21 AMENDS:

22 **58-3a-201**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 507

23 **58-3a-302**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 415

24 **58-20b-302**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 339

25 **58-22-302**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapters 339, 365

26 **58-76-302**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 339

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28 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

29 Section 1. Section **58-3a-201** is amended to read:

30 **58-3a-201 . Board.**

- 31 (1) There is created the Architects and Landscape Architects Licensing Board consisting of:
- 32 (a) four architects;
- 33 (b) two landscape architects; and
- 34 (c) one member of the general public.
- 35 (2) The board shall be appointed and serve in accordance with Section 58-1-201.
- 36 (3) The duties and responsibilities of the board shall be in accordance with Sections
- 37 58-1-202 and 58-1-203 with respect to this chapter and Chapter 53, Landscape
- 38 Architects Licensing Act.
- 39 (4) The board shall designate one of ~~[its]~~ the board's members on a permanent or rotating
- 40 basis to:
- 41 (a) assist the division in reviewing complaints concerning the conduct of an individual
- 42 licensed under this chapter or Chapter 53, Landscape Architects Licensing Act; ~~[and]~~
- 43 (b) advise the division in ~~[its]~~ the division's investigation of these complaints~~[.]; and~~
- 44 (c) assist the division to maintain multiple methods to obtain licensure by rule.
- 45 (5) A board member who has, under Subsection (4), reviewed a complaint or advised in its
- 46 investigation may be disqualified from participating with the board when the board
- 47 serves as a presiding officer in an adjudicative proceeding concerning the complaint.
- 48 (6) The board shall maintain at least two pathways for licensure.

49 Section 2. Section **58-3a-302** is amended to read:

50 **58-3a-302 . Qualifications for licensure.**

- 51 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), each applicant for licensure as an architect shall:
- 52 (a) submit an application in a form ~~[prescribed]~~ approved by the division;
- 53 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
- 54 (c) ~~[have graduated and received an earned bachelors or masters]~~ hold, at a minimum, a
- 55 bachelor's degree from an architecture program meeting criteria established by rule
- 56 by the division in collaboration with the board;
- 57 (d) have successfully completed a program of diversified practical experience
- 58 established by rule by the division in collaboration with the board;
- 59 (e) have successfully passed examinations established by rule by the division in
- 60 collaboration with the board; and
- 61 (f) meet with the board or representative of the division upon request for the purpose of
- 62 evaluating the applicant's qualifications for license.
- 63 (2) Each applicant for licensure as an architect by endorsement shall:

- 64 (a) submit an application in a form [~~prescribed~~] approved by the division;
- 65 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
- 66 (c) submit satisfactory evidence of:
- 67 (i)(A) current licensure in good standing in a jurisdiction recognized by rule by
- 68 the division in collaboration with the board; and
- 69 (B) current certification from the National Council of Architectural Registration
- 70 Boards; or
- 71 (ii)(A) current license in good standing in a jurisdiction recognized by rule by the
- 72 division in collaboration with the board; and
- 73 (B) full-time employment as a licensed architect as a principal for at least five of
- 74 the last seven years immediately preceding the date of the application;
- 75 (d) have successfully passed an examination established by rule by the division in
- 76 collaboration with the board; and
- 77 (e) meet with the board or representative of the division upon request for the purpose of
- 78 evaluating the applicant's qualifications for license.

79 Section 3. Section **58-20b-302** is amended to read:

80 **58-20b-302 . Qualifications for licensure.**

- 81 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), an applicant for licensure as an environmental
- 82 health scientist shall:
- 83 (a) submit an application in a form [~~prescribed~~] approved by the division;
- 84 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
- 85 (c) hold, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree [~~from an accredited program in a university~~
- 86 ~~or college, which degree includes completion of specific course work as defined by~~
- 87 ~~rule~~];
- 88 (d) pass an examination as determined by division rule in collaboration with the board;
- 89 and
- 90 (e) pass the Utah Law and Rules Examination for Environmental Health Scientists
- 91 administered by the division.
- 92 (2) An applicant for licensure as an environmental health scientist-in-training shall:
- 93 (a) submit an application in a form [~~prescribed~~] approved by the division;
- 94 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
- 95 (c) hold, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree [~~from an accredited program in a university~~
- 96 ~~or college, which degree includes completion of specific course work as defined by~~
- 97 ~~rule~~];

- 98 (d) pass the Utah Law and Rules Examination for Environmental Health Scientists
99 administered by the division; and
- 100 (e) present evidence acceptable to the division and the board that the applicant, when
101 licensed under this Subsection (2), will practice as an environmental health
102 scientist-in-training only under the general supervision of a supervising
103 environmental health scientist licensed under this chapter.

104 Section 4. Section **58-22-302** is amended to read:

105 **58-22-302 . Qualifications for licensure.**

- 106 (1) Each applicant for licensure as a professional engineer shall:
- 107 (a) submit an application in a form prescribed by the division;
- 108 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
- 109 (c)(i) have graduated and received a bachelors or masters degree from an engineering
110 program meeting criteria established by rule by the division in collaboration with
111 the board; or
- 112 (ii) have completed the Transportation Engineering Technology and Fundamental
113 Engineering College Program before July 1, 1998, under the direction of the Utah
114 Department of Transportation and as certified by the Utah Department of
115 Transportation;
- 116 (d) have successfully completed a program of qualifying experience established by rule
117 by the division in collaboration with the board;
- 118 (e) have successfully passed examinations established by rule by the division in
119 collaboration with the board; and
- 120 (f) meet with the board or representative of the division upon request for the purpose of
121 evaluating the applicant's qualification for licensure.
- 122 (2) Each applicant for licensure as a professional structural engineer shall:
- 123 (a) submit an application in a form prescribed by the division;
- 124 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
- 125 (c) have graduated and received an earned bachelors or masters degree from an
126 engineering program meeting criteria established by rule by the division in
127 collaboration with the board;
- 128 (d) have successfully completed three years of licensed professional engineering
129 experience established by rule by the division in collaboration with the board, except
130 that prior to January 1, 2009, an applicant for licensure may submit a signed affidavit
131 in a form prescribed by the division stating that the applicant is currently engaged in

- 132 the practice of structural engineering;
- 133 (e) have successfully passed examinations established by rule by the division in
134 collaboration with the board, except that prior to January 1, 2009, an applicant for
135 licensure may submit a signed affidavit in a form prescribed by the division stating
136 that the applicant is currently engaged in the practice of structural engineering; and
- 137 (f) meet with the board or representative of the division upon request for the purpose of
138 evaluating the applicant's qualification for licensure.
- 139 (3) Each applicant for licensure as a professional land surveyor shall:
- 140 (a) submit an application in a form [~~prescribed~~] approved by the division;
- 141 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
- 142 (c)(i) [~~have graduated and received~~] hold, at a minimum, an associates[~~, bachelors, or~~
143 masters] degree from a land surveying program, or an equivalent land surveying
144 program, such as a program offered by a technical college described in Section
145 53B-2a-105, [~~as approved by the Utah Board of Higher Education,~~] established by
146 rule by the division in collaboration with the board, and have successfully
147 completed a program of qualifying experience in land surveying established by
148 rule by the division in collaboration with the board; or
- 149 (ii) have successfully completed a program of qualifying experience in land
150 surveying prior to January 1, 2007, in accordance with rules established by the
151 division in collaboration with the board;
- 152 (d) have successfully passed examinations established by rule by the division in
153 collaboration with the board; and
- 154 (e) meet with the board or representative of the division upon request for the purpose of
155 evaluating the applicant's qualification for licensure.
- 156 (4) Each applicant for licensure by endorsement shall:
- 157 (a) submit an application in a form [~~prescribed~~] approved by the division;
- 158 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
- 159 (c) submit satisfactory evidence of:
- 160 (i) current licensure in good standing in a jurisdiction recognized by rule by the
161 division in collaboration with the board;
- 162 (ii) having successfully passed an examination established by rule by the division in
163 collaboration with the board; and
- 164 (iii) full-time employment as a principal for at least five of the last seven years
165 immediately preceding the date of the application as a:

- 166 (A) licensed professional engineer for licensure as a professional engineer;
167 (B) licensed professional structural engineer for licensure as a structural engineer;
168 or
169 (C) licensed professional land surveyor for licensure as a professional land
170 surveyor; and
171 (d) meet with the board or representative of the division upon request for the purpose of
172 evaluating the applicant's qualifications for license.

173 (5) The rules made to implement this section shall be in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter
174 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

175 Section 5. Section **58-76-302** is amended to read:

176 **58-76-302 . Qualifications for licensure.**

177 Each applicant for licensure as a professional geologist shall:

- 178 (1) submit an application in a form as [~~prescribed~~] approved by the division;
179 (2) pay a fee as determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
180 (3) provide satisfactory evidence of:
181 (a) [~~a bachelors or graduate~~] at a minimum, a bachelor's degree in the geosciences [
182 ~~granted through an institution of higher education that is accredited by a regional or~~
183 ~~national accrediting agency~~]-with a minimum of 30 semester or 45 quarter hours of
184 course work in the geosciences; or
185 (b) completion of other equivalent educational requirements as determined by the
186 division in collaboration with the board;
187 (4) provide satisfactory evidence of:
188 (a) with a [~~bachelors~~] bachelor's degree, a specific record of five years of active
189 professional practice in geological work of a character satisfactory to the division,
190 indicating the applicant is competent to be placed in a responsible charge of the work;
191 (b) with a masters degree, a specific record of three years of active professional practice
192 in geological work of a character satisfactory to the division, indicating the applicant
193 is competent to be placed in a responsible charge of the work; or
194 (c) with a doctorate degree, a specific record of one year of active professional practice
195 in geological work of a character satisfactory to the division, indicating the applicant
196 is competent to be placed in a responsible charge of the work; and
197 (5) [~~after January 1, 2004, meet~~] meet the examination requirement established by rule by
198 the division in collaboration with the board.

199 Section 6. **Effective Date.**

200 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.