

**FINAL BILL REPORT**

**ESB 5545**

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**SYNOPSIS AS ENACTED**

**Brief Description:** Modifying qualifications for registered architects.

**SPONSORS:** Senators Williams, Bluechel and Moore

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR & COMMERCE**

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR**

**BACKGROUND:**

Architects must be registered to practice in this state. An architect must pass an examination to become registered. To qualify to take the architect's examination, an applicant must be 18 years old, have an accredited architectural degree plus three years of experience approved by the Board of Registration for Architects or have eight years of practical architectural work experience approved by the Board of Registration. Persons who had designed buildings as a principal activity for at least eight years or had an equivalent combination of education and experience but were not registered as architects prior to July 1985 were also qualified to take the architect's examination if such individuals applied before July 25, 1989.

**SUMMARY:**

Revisions are made to the list of qualifications for applicants seeking to take the architect's examination.

To qualify to take the architect's examination, an applicant must be 18 years old and possess any of the following qualifications: (1) an accredited architectural degree and three years practical architectural work experience approved by the board which may include designing buildings as a principal activity, at least two of the years work experience supervised by an architect with detailed professional knowledge of the work of the applicant; (2) eight years of practical architectural work experience approved by the Board of Registration; or (3) eight years of designing buildings as a principal activity or an equivalent combination of education and experience and not registered as an architect before July 28, 1992, and applies for the exam before July 28, 1996. The foregoing provision terminates July 29, 2001.

**VOTES ON FINAL PASSAGE:**

Senate	49	0	
House	98	0	(House amended)
Senate	45	0	(Senate concurred)

**EFFECTIVE:** July 25, 1993  
July 29, 2001 (Section 2)