

ASSEMBLY, No. 243

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Assemblyman GARCIA

1 AN ACT concerning the recognition of certain academic degrees and  
2 amending P.L.1986, c.87.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 3 of P.L.1986, c.87 (C.18A:3-15.3) is amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 3. A person shall not append to his name any letters in the same  
10 form designated by the Board of Higher Education as entitled to the  
11 protection accorded to an academic degree unless the person has  
12 received from a duly authorized institution of higher education the  
13 degree or certificate for which the letters are registered. For the  
14 purposes of this section, a duly authorized institution of higher  
15 education means an in-State institution licensed by the Board of  
16 Higher Education or an out-of-State institution licensed by the  
17 appropriate state agency and regionally accredited or seeking  
18 accreditation by the appropriate accrediting body recognized by the  
19 Council on Postsecondary Education or the United States Department  
20 of Education. For the purposes of this section, seeking accreditation  
21 means that the institution has applied for candidacy status or the  
22 equivalent standing from the appropriate accrediting body.

23 (cf: P.L.1986, c.87, s.3)

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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30 This bill provides that an academic degree awarded by an  
31 out-of-State institution of higher education shall be recognized in New  
32 Jersey if the institution was seeking candidacy status or its equivalent

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

1 from the appropriate accrediting body recognized by the Council on  
2 Postsecondary Education or the United States Department of  
3 Education at the time the degree was awarded. Current regulations of  
4 the State Board of Higher Education require that such an institution  
5 must have achieved candidacy status at the time the degree was  
6 awarded in order for the degree to be recognized in this State.

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11 Provides State recognition of academic degrees awarded by  
12 out-of-State institutions of higher education seeking candidacy status  
13 from the appropriate accrediting body.