

P.L. 1997, CHAPTER 95, *approved May 8, 1997*
Assembly, No. 2174

1 **AN ACT** concerning continuing education requirements for architects
2 and supplementing chapter 3 of Title 45 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. It is hereby declared to be in the interest of the citizens of this
8 State to encourage the maintenance of continuing proficiency for
9 licensed architects to the end that the utilization and application of
10 new techniques and advances will be in the public interest.

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12 2. The New Jersey State Board of Architects shall require each
13 architect, as a condition of biennial license renewal pursuant to section
14 1 of P.L.1972, c.108 (C.45:1-7), to complete any continuing education
15 requirements imposed by the board pursuant to section 3 of this act.

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17 3. The board shall:

18 a. Promulgate rules and regulations for implementing continuing
19 education requirements as a condition of license renewal for licenses
20 issued under its jurisdiction.

21 b. Establish standards for continuing education, including the
22 subject matter and content of courses of study, and the number and
23 type of continuing education credits required of a licensee as a
24 condition of biennial license renewal.

25 c. Recognize the American Institute of Architects and the National
26 Council of Architecture Registration Boards as certified record
27 keeping services and recognize the American Institute of Architects,
28 the National Council of Architecture Registration Boards and the
29 School of Architecture at the New Jersey Institute of Technology as
30 certified providers of continuing education, and accredit other
31 equivalent educational programs, including, but not limited to,
32 meetings of constituents and components of architect professional
33 associations recognized by the board, examinations, papers,
34 publications, scientific presentations, teaching and research
35 appointments, table clinics and scientific exhibits, and shall establish
36 procedures for the issuance of credit upon satisfactory proof of the
37 completion of these programs. In the case of education courses or

1 programs, each hour of instruction shall be equivalent to one credit.

2 d. Approve only such continuing education programs as are
3 available to all architects in this State on a reasonable
4 nondiscriminatory basis.

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6 4. The licensee shall submit as proof of completion of continuing
7 education program credits, and the board shall accept as proof,
8 documentation submitted by the licensee or by any entity offering a
9 continuing education program pursuant to this act.

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11 5. The board may, in its discretion, waive requirements for
12 continuing education under this act on an individual basis for reasons
13 of hardship, such as health or other good cause.

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15 6. The board may by rule or regulation establish fees for the
16 administration of continuing education requirements.

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18 7. The board shall not require completion of continuing education
19 credits for initial registrations. The board shall not require completion
20 of continuing education credits for any registration periods
21 commencing within 12 months of the effective date of this act. The
22 board shall require completion of continuing education credits on a pro
23 rata basis for any registration periods commencing more than 12 but
24 less than 24 months following the effective date of this act.

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26 8. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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31 This bill requires architects to complete continuing education
32 requirements as a condition of biennial license renewal. The bill
33 provides that the New Jersey State Board of Architects shall: establish
34 standards for continuing education, including subject matter and
35 content of courses of study, and the number and type of continuing
36 education credits required of a licensee as a condition of biennial
37 license renewal; recognize the American Institute of Architects and the
38 National Council of Architecture Registration Boards as certified
39 record keeping services and the American Institute of Architects, the
40 National Council of Architecture Registration Boards and the School
41 of Architecture at the New Jersey Institute of Technology as certified
42 providers of continuing education and accredit other equivalent
43 educational programs; and approve only those continuing education
44 programs which are available to all architects in this State on a
45 reasonable nondiscriminatory basis. Waivers of these continuing
46 education requirements may be granted by the board on an individual

1 basis due to hardship. This bill also gives the board authority to
2 establish fees for the administration of continuing education
3 requirements.

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8 Provides for continuing education for architects.