

House Bill 41

By: Representatives Harrell of the 106th, Stephens of the 164th, Stephens of the 165th, Brockway of the 102nd, and Hanson of the 80th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 43-4-11 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 qualifications of applicants for examination or certificate of registration as an architect, so
3 as to change the qualifications so as to allow certain students to take such examination; to
4 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 43-4-11 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to qualifications
8 of applicants for examination or certificate of registration as an architect, is amended by
9 revising subsection (b) as follows:

10 "(b) The examinations shall be the examinations prepared and graded by the National
11 Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB). The board may adopt, as part of
12 its rules and regulations, those guidelines published from time to time by the National
13 Council of Architectural Registration Boards. The candidate for examination shall submit
14 to the board satisfactory evidence of one of the following qualifications:

15 (1)(A)(i) A professional degree in architecture from a school or college approved by
16 the National Architectural Accrediting Board; or

17 (ii) Active participation in a National Council of Architectural Registration Boards
18 accepted Integrated Path to Architectural Licensure option within a National
19 Architectural Accrediting Board accredited professional degree program in
20 architecture; and

21 (B) Practical ~~practical~~ experience as the board, by rules and regulations uniformly
22 applied, shall deem appropriate. ~~The board may adopt as its rules and regulations those~~
23 ~~guidelines published from time to time by the National Council of Architectural~~
24 ~~Registration Boards;~~

25 (2) A minimum of ten years' practical experience, including academic training, following
26 completion of high school or the equivalent thereof, as the board, by rules and regulations

27 uniformly applied, shall deem appropriate. An individual who intends to qualify as a
28 candidate for examination under the provisions of this paragraph shall notify the board
29 of such intent in writing prior to July 1, 1985. After July 1, 1985, all candidates for
30 examination shall meet the requirements of paragraph (1) of this subsection; provided,
31 however, that those candidates and only those candidates who have met the requirements
32 of this paragraph shall be admitted as a candidate for examination; or

33 (3) A bachelor's degree in architectural engineering technology from a school or college
34 in this state approved by the Accrediting Board for Engineering and Technology, or any
35 other bachelor's degree with a substantial concentration in architecture approved by the
36 board from a board approved school or college in this state, and at least six years of
37 practical experience as the board, by regulations uniformly applied, shall deem
38 appropriate. An individual who intends to qualify as a candidate for examination under
39 the provisions of this paragraph shall notify the board of such intent in writing prior to
40 July 1, 2004. After July 1, 2004, all candidates for examination shall meet the
41 requirements of paragraph (1) of this subsection."

42 **SECTION 2.**

43 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.