

AN ACT

To amend sections 4725.18 and 4733.11 of the Revised Code to permit the State Board of Optometry to license optometrists licensed by another state or a Canadian province regardless of whether the other state or province similarly licenses holders of Ohio licenses and to clarify education requirements in the engineers and surveyors licensing law.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That sections 4725.18 and 4733.11 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4725.18. (A) The state board of optometry may issue a certificate of licensure and therapeutic pharmaceutical agents certificate by endorsement to an individual licensed as an optometrist by another state or a Canadian province if the board determines that the other state or province has standards for the practice of optometry that are at least as stringent as the standards established under sections 4725.01 to 4725.34 of the Revised Code and the other state similarly grants licenses to practice optometry to individuals who hold certificates of licensure issued by the board individual meets the conditions specified in division (B) of this section. The certificates may be issued only by an affirmative vote of a majority of the board's members.

(B) ~~To receive~~ An individual seeking a certificate of licensure and therapeutic pharmaceutical agents certificate under pursuant to this section shall submit an application to the board. To receive the certificates, an applicant must meet all of the following conditions:

(1) ~~Hold a license to practice optometry from the other state that is~~ Meet the same qualifications that an individual must meet under divisions (B)(1) to (4) of section 4725.12 of the Revised Code to receive a certificate of licensure and therapeutic pharmaceutical agents certificate under that section;

(2) Be licensed to practice optometry by a state or province that requires

passage of a written, entry-level examination at the time of initial licensure;

~~(3)~~ Be licensed in good standing by the optometry licensing agency of the other state or province, evidenced by submission of a letter from the licensing agency of the other state or province attesting to the applicant's good standing;

~~(2)~~(4) Provide the board with certified reports from the optometry licensing agencies of all states and provinces in which the applicant is licensed or has been licensed to practice optometry describing all past and pending actions taken by those agencies with respect to the applicant's authority to practice optometry in those jurisdictions, including such actions as investigations, entering into consent agreements, suspensions, revocations, and refusals to issue or renew a license;

(5) Have been actively engaged in the practice of optometry, including the use of therapeutic pharmaceutical agents, for at least three years immediately preceding making application under this section;

~~(3)~~(6) Pay the nonrefundable application fees established under section 4725.34 of the Revised Code for a certificate of licensure and therapeutic pharmaceutical agents certificate;

~~(4)~~(7) Submit all transcripts, reports, or other information the board requires;

~~(5)~~(8) Participate in a two-hour instruction session provided by the board on the optometry statutes and rules of this state or pass an Ohio optometry jurisprudence test administered by the board;

(9) Pass all or part of the licensing examination accepted by the board under section 4725.11 of the Revised Code, if the board determines that testing is necessary to determine whether the applicant's qualifications are sufficient for issuance of a certificate of licensure and therapeutic pharmaceutical agents certificate under this section;

~~(C) If the applicant meets the conditions specified in division (B) of this section and the board has not;~~

~~(10) Not have been previously denied issuance of a license to the applicant, certificate by the board may, by an affirmative vote of a majority of its members, issue to the applicant a certificate of licensure and therapeutic pharmaceutical agents certificate.~~

Sec. 4733.11. (A) The state board of registration for professional engineers and surveyors shall consider an applicant to be qualified for registration as a professional engineer if an applicant satisfies all of the requirements listed in either division (A)(1) or (2) of this section as follows:

(1)(a) Graduation from an accredited engineering curriculum of four years or more;

(b) A specific record of four years or more of practical experience in engineering work completed in addition to, and not overlapping in time, any school work completed under division (A)(1)(a) of this section that is acceptable to the board, not more than two years of which may be before graduation but after the completion of the second year of college, indicating that the applicant is competent to be placed in responsible charge of such work;

(c) Passing the prescribed written or written and oral examinations under divisions (A) and (B) of section 4733.13 of the Revised Code.

(2)(a) Graduation from a college curriculum in engineering of four years or more that is not approved by the engineering accreditation commission of the accreditation board for engineering and technology, or graduation from a college curriculum in engineering technology of four years or more that is accredited by the technical accreditation commission of the accreditation board for engineering and technology;

(b) Eight years or more of practical experience in engineering work completed in addition to, and not overlapping in time, any school work completed under division (A)(2)(a) of this section that is acceptable to the state board of registration for professional engineers and surveyors, not more than two years of which may be before college graduation but after completion of the second year of college, indicating that the applicant is competent to be placed in responsible charge of such work;

(c) Passing the prescribed written or written and oral examinations under divisions (A) and (B) of section 4733.13 of the Revised Code.

(B) The state board of registration for professional engineers and surveyors shall consider an applicant to be qualified for registration as a professional surveyor if the applicant satisfies all of the requirements listed in either division (B)(1) or (2) of this section as follows:

(1)(a) Graduation from an approved curriculum in surveying of four years or more;

(b) A specific record of four years or more of surveying office and field experience completed in addition to, and not overlapping in time, any school work completed under division (B)(1)(a) of this section that is of a character acceptable to the board, at least two years of which shall be after college graduation, with at least two of the four years of work in the surveying of land boundaries under the direct supervision of a professional surveyor, who may indicate in writing that the applicant is competent to be placed in responsible charge of the work;

(c) Passing the prescribed written or written and oral examinations under divisions (A) and (C) of section 4733.13 of the Revised Code.

(2)(a) Graduation from an accredited curriculum in civil engineering of four years or more in a recognized school or college;

(b) Successful completion of at least twenty-four quarter hours, or equivalent semester or trimester hours, of approved surveying courses in surveying and mapping arts and sciences, except that courses successfully completed as prior studies may be credited by the board toward this requirement, of which at least eight quarter hours, or equivalent semester or trimester hours, are in surveying of land boundaries;

(c) A specific record of four years or more of surveying office and field experience completed in addition to, and not overlapping in time, any school work completed under division (B)(2)(a) of this section that is of a character acceptable to the board, at least two years of which shall be after college graduation, with at least two of the four years of work in surveying of land boundaries under the direct supervision of a professional surveyor, who may indicate in writing that the applicant is competent to be placed in responsible charge of the work;

(d) Passing the prescribed written or written and oral examinations under divisions (A) and (C) of section 4733.13 of the Revised Code.

(C) Engineering experience, for a professional engineer's practical experience requirement, or surveying experience, for a professional surveyor's practical experience requirement, in any of the armed forces of the United States or civilian war services may be credited for registration, if the experience is acceptable to the board.

(D) As used in this section, "an approved curriculum in surveying" is one which has been accredited by the related accreditation committee of the accreditation board for engineering and technology or one which has been approved by the state board of registration for professional engineers and surveyors.

(E) No person is eligible for registration as a professional engineer, or professional surveyor, who is not of good character and reputation.

(F) In considering the qualifications of applicants, responsible charge of engineering or surveying teaching may be construed as responsible charge of engineering or surveying work, respectively. No applicant shall receive credit for more than six years of engineering or surveying experience because of educational qualifications. The mere execution, as a contractor, of work designed by a professional engineer or professional surveyor, or the supervision of the construction of such work as a superintendent is not deemed to be practical experience in engineering or surveying work.

(G) Every person applying for registration as a professional engineer or professional surveyor shall be required to pass the fundamentals

examination and the principles and practice examination as provided in section 4733.13 of the Revised Code. In addition to passing each requisite examination, each applicant must submit evidence, satisfactory to the board, that the applicant has completed the practical experience required in this section.

(H) The board shall require the applicant for registration as a professional engineer or professional surveyor to take two examinations. The first examination, known as the fundamentals examination, may be taken by the applicant at any time after the applicant has completed the required education under division (A) or (B) of this section, or, at the discretion of the board, an applicant may be permitted to take the first examination during the applicant's concluding term of an approved curriculum in engineering or surveying of four years or more.

(I) When the applicant has passed the fundamentals examination, the applicant shall be given an appropriate certificate by the board showing the applicant's status as an engineer intern or surveyor intern.

(J) The applicant is not eligible to take the second examination, known as the principles and practice examination, until the applicant has passed the fundamentals examination.

(K) Any person having the necessary qualifications to entitle the person to registration is eligible for registration though the person may not be practicing the person's profession at the time of making application.

SECTION 2. That existing sections 4725.18 and 4733.11 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

Approved _____, 20____

Governor.

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