

Chapter 50

(Senate Bill 283)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Architects – Retired Status Licenses

FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Architects to issue a retired status license to a licensed architect under certain circumstances; prohibiting the holder of a retired status license from engaging in the practice of architecture; authorizing the holder of a retired status license to use a certain designation; authorizing the Board to reactivate a license to practice architecture for an individual who holds a retired status license under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the practice of architecture.

BY adding to

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

Section 3–309.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2010 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

3–309.2.

(A) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A RETIRED STATUS LICENSE TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

(1) IS CURRENTLY LICENSED BY THE BOARD TO PRACTICE ARCHITECTURE;

(2) HAS BEEN A LICENSED ARCHITECT FOR AT LEAST 25 YEARS, OF WHICH 5 YEARS HAVE BEEN IN MARYLAND;

(3) IS NOT THE SUBJECT OF A PENDING DISCIPLINARY ACTION RELATED TO THE PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE IN THIS OR ANOTHER STATE;

(4) SUBMITS TO THE BOARD AN APPLICATION ON THE FORM PROVIDED BY THE BOARD; AND

(5) PAYS TO THE BOARD A FEE SET BY THE BOARD.

(B) THE HOLDER OF A RETIRED STATUS LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION:

(1) MAY USE THE DESIGNATION OF “ARCHITECT EMERITUS”; BUT

(2) MAY NOT ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE.

(C) THE BOARD MAY REACTIVATE THE LICENSE OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HOLDS A RETIRED STATUS LICENSE IF THAT INDIVIDUAL:

(1) SUBMITS TO THE BOARD AN APPLICATION FOR REACTIVATION ON THE FORM PROVIDED BY THE BOARD;

(2) MEETS ALL CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, NOT EXCEEDING 24 CREDIT HOURS, THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN REQUIRED FOR RENEWAL OF A LICENSE UNDER § 3-309.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE IF THE INDIVIDUAL HAD NOT BEEN ISSUED A RETIRED STATUS LICENSE;

(3) IS NOT THE SUBJECT OF A PENDING DISCIPLINARY ACTION RELATED TO THE PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE IN THIS OR ANY OTHER STATE; AND

(4) PAYS TO THE BOARD A REACTIVATION FEE SET BY THE BOARD.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor, April 12, 2011.