

1983 Assembly Bill 144

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AN ACT to amend 443.04 (1) (b) and (c) and 443.09 (4) and (5); and to create 443.04 (1) (d) of the statutes, relating to registration requirements for professional engineers.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 443.04 (1) (b) and (c) of the statutes are amended to read:

443.04 (1) (b) A specific record of ~~12~~ 8 or more years of experience in engineering work of a character satisfactory to the examining board and indicating that the applicant is competent to be placed in responsible charge of such work; or

(c) A specific record by an applicant ~~not less than 35 years of age~~ of 12 years or more of experience in engineering work of a character satisfactory to the examining board and indicating that the applicant is competent to practice engineering.

SECTION 1m. 443.04 (1) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

443.04 (1) (d) A diploma of graduation or a certificate from an engineering school or college approved by the examining board as of satisfactory standing in an engineering course of not less than 4 years, together with an additional 8 years of experience in engi-

neering work of a character satisfactory to the examining board and indicating that the applicant is competent to practice engineering.

SECTION 2. 443.09 (4) and (5) of the statutes are amended to read:

443.09 (4) Written or written and oral examinations shall be required of every applicant for registration as an architect or a professional engineer except an applicant who satisfies s. 443.04 (1) ~~(e)~~. Only (d). Except as provided in sub. (5), only one form of examination may be required for all applicants. The examination shall be reasonably related to the skills likely to be needed by an applicant practicing the profession at the time of examination and seek to determine the applicant's preparedness to exercise such skills. Failure to pass an examination under this section or under any order of the examining board shall not be a bar to registration under s. 443.04 (1) ~~(e)~~ (d).

(5) Written or written and oral examinations shall be held at such time and place as the examining board determines ~~except as provided in s. 443.04 (1) (e)~~. The scope of the examinations and the methods of procedure shall be prescribed by the examining board with special reference to the applicant's ability to design and supervise architectural or engineering work, which shall promote the public welfare and ensure the safety of life, health and property. The examination or examinations shall include questions which require applicants to demonstrate knowledge of the design needs of people with physical disabilities and of the relevant statutes and codes. Such questions shall be developed by the examining board in consultation with the department of industry, labor and human relations. The examination for candidates under s. 443.04 (1) (c) shall be the principles and practice examination which requires the applicant to demonstrate the ability to apply engineering principles and judgment to problems in general engineering disciplines and to demonstrate knowledge of the design needs of people with physical disabilities and the relevant statutes, rules and regulations. A candidate failing an examination may, upon application and payment of the required reexamination fee, be examined again by the examining board. No restrictions may be placed on the number of times an unsuccessful candidate may be reexamined, except that after failure of 3 reexaminations, the examining board may require a one-year waiting period before further reexamination.

SECTION 3. **Initial applicability.** This act first applies to applications for registration as a professional engineer received by the examining board of architects, professional engineers, designers and land surveyors on the effective date of this act.
