

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 54.1-406.1, relating to professions and*
3 *occupations; alternative to education requirement for licensure of architects.*

4 [H 2154]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 54.1-406.1 as follows:**8 **§ 54.1-406.1. *Alternative to education requirement for licensure of architects.***

9 *A. The Board shall adopt regulations establishing work and education experience equivalencies that shall*
10 *provide an alternative to the requirement of a professional degree in architecture from a program accredited*
11 *by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) pursuant to 18VAC10-20-110. In establishing an*
12 *alternative pathway to a NAAB-accredited degree, the Board shall require a minimum of 10 years of*
13 *qualifying work experience, education experience, or combination of work and education experience.*

14 *B. In establishing qualifying work and education experience under this section, the Board shall adopt*
15 *regulations establishing a credit system to account for varying degrees of work and education experience and*
16 *such credit system shall be based on the applicability of such work or education experience to the practice of*
17 *architecture.*

18 *C. The Board shall develop requirements for applicants seeking licensure to certify work and*
19 *education experience on an annual basis.*

20 **2. That, notwithstanding any annual reporting requirement developed by the Board for Architects,**
21 **Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects (the**
22 **Board), the Board shall evaluate any past work or education experience of any applicant in meeting the**
23 **requirements of the first enactment of this act.**

24 **3. That the second enactment of this act shall expire on July 1, 2028.**

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