

which were substantially equivalent to those required in this State at the time the license was issued by the other State; and

(2) that the other State gives similar recognition and endorsement to landscape architect licenses of this State.

277. Board of Examiners.

(a) There is hereby created, as part of the Department of Natural Resources, the Maryland Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects which shall consist of three (3) members. The Board shall be appointed by the Governor UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES with the advice and consent of the Senate. The members of the Board shall be registered landscape architects of recognized standing having engaged in the practice of landscape architecture in the State of Maryland for a period of five (5) years or more at the time of their appointments, EXCEPT THAT THE ORIGINAL APPOINTEES TO THE BOARD NEED NOT BE REGISTERED BUT SHALL BE PERSONS WHO HAVE ENGAGED IN THE PRACTICE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE IN THIS STATE FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST SEVEN (7) YEARS AND WHO HOLD A DEGREE FROM AN APPROVED COLLEGE OR SCHOOL OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE. The terms of office of said members shall be three (3) years of which one term expires each year; any vacancy occurring at any time in the membership of the Board shall be filled by the Governor appointing a successor for the unexpired term.

(b) The members of the Board shall receive no salary or other compensation for their services as members but shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in carrying out their duties.

(c) The Board shall elect annually from its members a chairman and secretary and the Board shall hold at least two (2) or more meetings each year.

(d) Each member of the Board shall take the oath of office as prescribed by the Constitution of the State of Maryland.

278. Powers and Duties of the Board.

(a) The Board shall have the powers and duties listed in this section.

(b) The Board shall have such employees as may be provided in the annual State budget.

(c) The Board may make, adopt, and amend such rules and regulations as it deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this subtitle, AND SHALL ESTABLISH THE EXAMINATION FEE, LICENSE FEE, AND THE ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWAL FEE.

(d) The Board shall hold at least one meeting per year for the purpose of examining candidates for registration as landscape architects. It may hold such other meetings and hearings as required for the proper performance of its duties under this subtitle.

(e) The Board may adopt a seal for use in transacting its official business.

(f) The Board shall keep a record of its proceedings and shall make an annual report thereon to the Governor.