

By Senator Gaetz

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to professional licensure reciprocity
3 for the practice of surveying and mapping; amending s.
4 472.015, F.S.; revising the requirements for
5 applicants eligible to be qualified for licensure by
6 endorsement by the Board of Professional Surveyors and
7 Mappers to include applicants from outside of the
8 state who meet certain requirements; authorizing the
9 board to require and independently evaluate certain
10 documents and information; authorizing the board to
11 adopt certain rules; providing an effective date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 472.015, Florida
16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17 472.015 Licensure.—

18 (5)(a) The board shall certify as qualified for a license
19 by endorsement an applicant who, at the time of application:

20 1. Holds a valid license to practice surveying and mapping
21 issued before July 1, 1999, by another state or territory of the
22 United States; has passed a national, regional, state, or
23 territorial licensing examination that is substantially
24 equivalent to the examination required by s. 472.013; and has a
25 specific experience record of at least 8 years as a subordinate
26 to a registered surveyor and mapper in the active practice of
27 surveying and mapping, 6 years of which must be of a nature
28 indicating that the applicant was in responsible charge of the
29 accuracy and correctness of the surveying and mapping work

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performed; ~~or~~

2. Holds a valid license to practice surveying and mapping issued by another state or territory of the United States if the criteria for issuance of the license were substantially the same as the licensure criteria that existed in Florida at the time the license was issued; or

3. Holds a valid license to practice surveying and mapping issued by another state or territory of the United States, is currently in good standing with such licensing authority, and has a specific experience record of at least 5 years as a registered surveyor and mapper in the active practice of surveying and mapping, which must be of a nature indicating that the applicant was in responsible charge of the accuracy and correctness of the surveying and mapping work performed.

(b) All applicants for licensure by endorsement must pass the Florida law and rules portion of the examination prior to licensure.

(c) For purposes of determining whether an applicant is in good standing under subparagraph (a)3., the board may require documentation, verification, or certification from the issuing authority, and may independently evaluate disciplinary, regulatory, or competency records maintained by such authority or other reliable sources. The board may adopt rules to implement this section in a manner consistent with s. 472.008.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.