

Legislative Analysis



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House Bill 4913 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Karl Bohnak
Committee: Economic Competitiveness
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4913 would amend the Occupational Code to allow an individual to be licensed as an architect if they have completed the equivalent of a professional degree, as determined by the Board of Architects.

Currently, among other requirements, an individual who wants to be licensed as an architect must provide evidence that they have completed a first professional degree in architecture (or a further degree) that meets requirements of the Board of Architects.¹

The bill would allow, as an alternative pathway to licensure, completion of the equivalent of a first professional degree as determined by the board.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4913 would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). The bill would allow those with an equivalent of a first professional degree, as determined by the Board of Architects, to be eligible for an architect license. This may result in more individuals being eligible, though the amount is unknown. To the extent that the volume of architect licensees increases, LARA may experience an increase in fee revenue.

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¹ For example, a bachelor of architecture or master of architecture degree from an accredited architectural program. Rule 201 of the general rules for architects (R 339.15201) describes current degree requirements in more detail: <https://ars.apps.lara.state.mi.us/AdminCode/DownloadAdminCodeFile?FileName=R%20339.15101%20to%20R%20339.15507.pdf&ReturnHTML=True>