

HOUSE BILL NO. 5284

November 13, 2025, Introduced by Rep. Beson and referred to Committee on Rules.

A bill to amend 1980 PA 299, entitled
"Occupational code,"
by amending sections 729, 2009, and 2627 (MCL 339.729, 339.2009,
and 339.2627), section 729 as amended by 2018 PA 81, section 2009
as amended by 2010 PA 324, and section 2627 as amended by 2006 PA
414, and by adding section 2504b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 729. (1) As a condition of license renewal, an individual
2 licensee must successfully complete ~~at least~~ **not less than** 40 hours

1 of continuing education for each year of a license cycle. All of
2 the following apply to the continuing education requirement
3 described in this subsection:

4 (a) A licensee is not required to meet the continuing
5 education requirements for a period of 12 months, beginning on the
6 date of ~~his or her~~ **the licensee's** original license.

7 (b) ~~At least~~ **Not less than** 8 of the 40 hours of continuing
8 education for each year of a license cycle must be in the areas of
9 auditing and accounting. However, the board shall not require
10 completion of more than 8 hours of education in the areas of
11 auditing and accounting in 1 year of a license cycle.

12 (c) Subject to subdivision (d), ~~at least~~ **not less than** 2 of
13 the 40 hours of continuing education for each year of a license
14 cycle must be in the area of professional ethics. However, the
15 board shall not require completion of more than 2 hours of
16 education in the area of professional ethics in 1 year of a license
17 cycle.

18 (d) The content of 1 hour of the 4 hours of continuing
19 education in professional ethics required in a 2-year license cycle
20 must be the statutes and administrative rules of this state
21 applicable to public accountancy. A statewide professional
22 association of certified public accountants approved by the
23 department shall create the content for this 1 hour of professional
24 ethics education.

25 (e) A licensee who earns more than the required 40 hours of
26 continuing education in a year may carry over those excess hours to
27 the next year, but not to any subsequent year, subject to all of
28 the following:

29 (i) The maximum number of excess hours a licensee may carry

1 over into the next year is 40 hours.

2 (ii) A licensee ~~may~~**shall** not carry over more than 8 hours to
3 meet the minimum accounting and auditing education requirements
4 described in subdivision (b) for the next year.

5 (iii) A licensee ~~may~~**shall** not carry over more than 2 hours to
6 meet the minimum professional ethics requirement described in
7 subdivision (c) for the next year.

8 (iv) A licensee ~~may~~**shall** not carry over more than 1 hour of
9 education in public accountancy described in subdivision (d) to
10 meet the minimum ethics requirements for the next license cycle.

11 (f) Except as provided in subdivision (g), a nonresident
12 licensee must certify in ~~his or her~~**the nonresident licensee's**
13 renewal application that ~~he or she~~**the nonresident licensee** has met
14 the continuing education requirements under this subsection.

15 (g) A nonresident licensee who is applying for renewal of ~~his~~
16 ~~or her~~**the nonresident licensee's** license is considered to have met
17 the continuing education requirements under this subsection if ~~he~~
18 ~~or she~~**the nonresident licensee** meets the continuing education
19 requirements for renewal of an individual license in the state in
20 which ~~his or her~~**the nonresidentt licensee's** principal place of
21 business is located. If the state in which a nonresident licensee's
22 principal place of business is located does not have continuing
23 education requirements for renewal of a license, the nonresident
24 licensee must comply with all continuing education requirements for
25 renewal of a license under this subsection.

26 (h) On request, a licensee must provide the department with 1
27 of the following, as applicable:

28 (i) For a licensee with a principal place of business located
29 in this state, proof acceptable to the department that the licensee

1 meets the continuing education requirements for license renewal in
2 this state.

3 (ii) For a nonresident licensee, proof acceptable to the
4 department, from the state board or other licensing authority in
5 the licensing jurisdiction in which ~~his or her~~ **the nonresident**
6 **licensee's** principal place of business is located, that the
7 nonresident licensee meets the continuing education requirements
8 for license renewal in that licensing jurisdiction.

9 (2) Each licensed firm and sole practitioner that performs any
10 of the following services shall participate in a peer review
11 program established by rule of the department and approved by the
12 board:

13 (a) Audit.

14 (b) Review.

15 (c) Compilations that are relied upon by third parties.

16 (3) An applicant for renewal shall submit to the department,
17 on a form prescribed by the department and at the time of renewal,
18 proof of peer review obtained within the 3 years immediately
19 preceding the application.

20 (4) A firm or sole practitioner required to participate in a
21 peer review program under this subsection shall notify the
22 department ~~within~~ **not later than** 30 days after receipt of a fail
23 rating or second consecutive pass with deficiencies rating. Verbal
24 testimony or documents, or both, pertaining to a peer review shall
25 be considered confidential and shall be exempt from disclosure to
26 the department, except in the case of a fail or second consecutive
27 pass with deficiencies rating.

28 (5) **Beginning 1 year after the effective date of the**
29 **amendatory act that added this subsection, a licensee may submit an**

1 application to the department to set aside a disciplinary record of
2 the licensee for the failure to complete continuing education
3 required under this section if all of the following apply:

4 (a) The disciplinary record that the licensee or applicant is
5 seeking to set aside involves a violation that was discovered
6 during an audit and was based on a 1-time failure to complete
7 continuing education required under this section during the time
8 frame that was the subject of the audit.

9 (b) The licensee or applicant submits the application to the
10 department not sooner than 5 years after the date that the
11 sanctions are no longer in force against the licensee or applicant
12 for the disciplinary record the licensee or applicant is seeking to
13 set aside.

14 (c) The licensee or applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction
15 of the department that the licensee or applicant has since
16 successfully completed the continuing education requirement that
17 was the subject of the disciplinary record.

18 (d) The licensee or applicant has timely completed the
19 sanction imposed by the department or board for the disciplinary
20 record the licensee or applicant is seeking to set aside.

21 (e) The licensee or applicant establishes that the licensee or
22 applicant has not been the subject of any disciplinary action since
23 the date the sanction was imposed for the disciplinary record the
24 licensee or applicant is seeking to set aside.

25 (f) The licensee or applicant has not previously had a
26 disciplinary record set aside under this section.

27 (6) If the department sets aside a disciplinary record under
28 this section for a licensee or applicant, the department shall
29 remove the disciplinary record from the department's public

1 licensing website, and the licensee or applicant may represent that
2 no disciplinary record exists regarding the subject matter of the
3 disciplinary record that was set aside.

4 (7) The department is not liable in a civil action for
5 reporting a public record of discipline that has been set aside
6 under this section if that record was available as a public record
7 on the date of the report.

8 Sec. 2009. (1) Beginning the license cycle after the effective
9 date of the rules promulgated under subsection (2), a demonstration
10 of the completion of a program of continuing education ~~shall be~~ **is**
11 required for renewal of a license issued under this article.

12 (2) The department shall, by rule, establish a program of
13 continuing education for all licensees under this article.

14 (3) Beginning 1 year after the effective date of the
15 amendatory act that added this subsection, a licensee may submit an
16 application to the department to set aside a disciplinary record of
17 the licensee for the failure to complete continuing education
18 required under this section if all of the following apply:

19 (a) The disciplinary record that the licensee or applicant is
20 seeking to set aside involves a violation that was discovered
21 during an audit and was based on a 1-time failure to complete
22 continuing education required under this section during the time
23 frame that was the subject of the audit.

24 (b) The licensee or applicant submits the application to the
25 department not sooner than 5 years after the date that the
26 sanctions are no longer in force against the licensee or applicant
27 for the disciplinary record the licensee or applicant is seeking to
28 set aside.

29 (c) The licensee or applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction

1 of the department that the licensee or applicant has since
2 successfully completed the continuing education requirement that
3 was the subject of the disciplinary record.

4 (d) The licensee or applicant has timely completed the
5 sanction imposed by the department or board for the disciplinary
6 record the licensee or applicant is seeking to set aside.

7 (e) The licensee or applicant establishes that the licensee or
8 applicant has not been the subject of any disciplinary action since
9 the date the sanction was imposed for the disciplinary record the
10 licensee or applicant is seeking to set aside.

11 (f) The licensee or applicant has not previously had a
12 disciplinary record set aside under this section.

13 (4) If the department sets aside a disciplinary record under
14 this section for a licensee or applicant, the department shall
15 remove the disciplinary record from the department's public
16 licensing website, and the licensee or applicant may represent that
17 no disciplinary record exists regarding the subject matter of the
18 disciplinary record that was set aside.

19 (5) The department is not liable in a civil action for
20 reporting a public record of discipline that has been set aside
21 under this section if that record was available as a public record
22 on the date of the report.

23 Sec. 2504b. (1) Beginning 1 year after the effective date of
24 the amendatory act that added this subsection, a licensee may
25 submit an application to the department to set aside a disciplinary
26 record of the licensee for the failure to complete continuing
27 education required under section 2504a if all of the following
28 apply:

29 (a) The disciplinary record that the licensee or applicant is

1 seeking to set aside involves a violation that was discovered
2 during an audit and was based on a 1-time failure to complete
3 continuing education required under this section during the time
4 frame that was the subject of the audit.

5 (b) The licensee or applicant submits the application to the
6 department not sooner than 5 years after the date that the
7 sanctions are no longer in force against the licensee or applicant
8 for the disciplinary record the licensee or applicant is seeking to
9 set aside.

10 (c) The licensee or applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction
11 of the department that the licensee or applicant has since
12 successfully completed the continuing education requirement that
13 was the subject of the disciplinary record.

14 (d) The licensee or applicant has timely completed the
15 sanction imposed by the department or board for the disciplinary
16 record the licensee or applicant is seeking to set aside.

17 (e) The licensee or applicant establishes that the licensee or
18 applicant has not been the subject of any disciplinary action since
19 the date the sanction was imposed for the disciplinary record the
20 licensee or applicant is seeking to set aside.

21 (f) The licensee or applicant has not previously had a
22 disciplinary record set aside under this section.

23 (2) If the department sets aside a disciplinary record under
24 this section for a licensee or applicant the department shall
25 remove the disciplinary record from the department's public
26 licensing website, and the licensee or applicant may represent that
27 no disciplinary record exists regarding the subject matter of the
28 disciplinary record that was set aside.

29 (3) The department is not liable in a civil action for

1 reporting a public record of discipline that has been set aside
2 under this section if that record was available as a public record
3 on the date of the report.

4 Sec. 2627. (1) As a condition for the renewal of licensure as
5 a limited real estate appraiser, a certified general real estate
6 appraiser, a certified residential real estate appraiser, or a
7 state licensed real estate appraiser, a licensee shall complete the
8 minimum continuing education requirements described in the AQB
9 criteria.

10 (2) Beginning 1 year after the effective date of the
11 amendatory act that added this subsection, a licensee may submit an
12 application to the department to set aside a disciplinary record of
13 the licensee for the failure to complete continuing education
14 required under this section if all of the following apply:

15 (a) The disciplinary record that the licensee or applicant is
16 seeking to set aside involves a violation that was discovered
17 during an audit and was based on a 1-time failure to complete
18 continuing education required under this section during the time
19 frame that was the subject of the audit.

20 (b) The licensee or applicant submits the application to the
21 department not sooner than 5 years after the date that the
22 sanctions are no longer in force against the licensee or applicant
23 for the disciplinary record the licensee or applicant is seeking to
24 set aside.

25 (c) The licensee or applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction
26 of the department that the licensee or applicant has since
27 successfully completed the continuing education requirement that
28 was the subject of the disciplinary record.

29 (d) The licensee or applicant has timely completed the

1 sanction imposed by the department or board for the disciplinary
2 record the licensee or applicant is seeking to set aside.

3 (e) The licensee or applicant establishes that the licensee or
4 applicant has not been the subject of any disciplinary action since
5 the date the sanction was imposed for the disciplinary record the
6 licensee or applicant is seeking to set aside.

7 (f) The licensee or applicant has not previously had a
8 disciplinary record set aside under this section.

9 (3) If the department sets aside a disciplinary record under
10 this section for a licensee or applicant, the department shall
11 remove the disciplinary record from the department's public
12 licensing website, and the licensee or applicant may represent that
13 no disciplinary record exists regarding the subject matter of the
14 disciplinary record that was set aside.

15 (4) The department is not liable in a civil action for
16 reporting a public record of discipline that has been set aside
17 under this section if that record was available as a public record
18 on the date of the report.