Prior law provided that the examination fee for a professional license for landscape architects shall be the cost incurred by the Horticulture Commission for the national examination plus an administrative fee not to exceed $200.

New law requires the commission to establish the cost of the examination by rule in an amount not to exceed $200 for administering and grading the La. Landscape Architect Examination.

Prior law provided that questions for the landscape architect examination must be compiled by the Council of Landscape Architects Registration Boards (CLARB) and supplemented with other questions as determined by the commission.

New law requires CLARB, or its successor, to prepare the national landscape architect examination. Provides that questions compiled for the La. Landscape Architect Examination be approved by the commission.

Existing law establishes reciprocity for landscape architect licensees who are licensed in another state upon passing an examination approved by CLARB and specifies that they shall be given such credit and required to pass only the La. portion of the examination to be licensed in this state.

New law retains existing law and requires the applicant to pass the La. Landscape Architect Examination.

Prior law provided for qualifications necessary to take the landscape architect's license examination which consisted of certain education requirements, practical experience, or a combination of education and experience deemed acceptable by the commission.

New law requires that an applicant meet the minimum qualification standards approved by CLARB in order to take the national landscape architect examination. Further requires the applicant to submit evidence of passing the national examination prepared by CLARB, or its successor, in order to qualify to take the La. Landscape Architect Examination.

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