

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 233
SENATE BILL 595

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SEMESTER HOURS OF STUDY
REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION AS A SANITARIAN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 90A-53 reads as rewritten:

"§ 90A-53. Qualifications and examination for registration as a sanitarian.

The Board shall issue certificates to qualified persons as registered sanitarians. A certificate as a registered sanitarian shall be issued to any person upon the Board's determination that such person:

- (1) Has made application to the Board on a form prescribed by the Board;
- (2) Is of good moral character;
- (3) Has received a baccalaureate degree from a post-secondary educational institution rated as acceptable by the Board with a minimum of ~~15~~20 semester hours or its equivalent in the physical and/or biological sciences;
- (4) Has satisfactorily completed a course in specialized instruction and training approved by the Board which course shall be designed as to content and so administered as to present sufficient knowledge of the needs properly to be served by public health sanitation, the elements of good environmental health sanitation, the laws and regulations governing sanitation in environmental health and the protection of the public health;
- (5) Has had at least two years' experience in the field of environmental health as defined in this Article. Provided, however, that only one year of experience in the field of environmental health as defined in this Article is required of a sanitarian intern who is a graduate of a bachelor's or master's degree program that is accredited by the National Accreditation Council for Environmental Health Curricula of the National Environmental Health Association.
- (6) Has passed an examination administered by the Board designed to test for competence in the subject matters of environmental health sanitation. The examination shall be in a form prescribed by the Board and may be oral, written, or both. The examination for applicants shall be held annually or more frequently as the Board may by rule prescribe, at a time and place to be determined by the Board. A person shall not be registered if such person fails to meet the minimum grade

requirements for examination specified by the Board. Failure to pass an examination shall not prohibit such person from being examined at subsequent times and places as specified by the Board; and

- (7) Has paid a fee set by the Board not to exceed the cost of the examination."

Sec. 2. G.S. 90A-53(3) reads as rewritten:

- "(3) Has received a baccalaureate degree from a post-secondary educational institution rated as acceptable by the Board with a minimum of ~~20~~25 semester hours or its equivalent in the physical and/or biological sciences;"

Sec. 3. G.S. 90A-53(3) reads as rewritten:

- "(3) Has received a baccalaureate degree from a post-secondary educational institution rated as acceptable by the Board with a minimum of ~~25~~30 semester hours or its equivalent in the physical and/or biological sciences;"

Sec. 4. Sections 1 and 4 of this act become effective 1 January 1994 and apply to applications for registration received on or after that date. Section 2 of this act becomes effective 1 January 1996 and applies to applications for registration received on or after that date. Section 3 of this act becomes effective 1 January 1998 and applies to applications for registration received on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 29th day of June, 1993.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives