

1 State of Arkansas  
2 81st General Assembly  
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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1347

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5 By: Representative Stalnaker  
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### For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 17, CHAPTER 25,  
10 SUBCHAPTER 303, PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION FOR  
11 CONTRACTOR LICENSURE; TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 17,  
12 CHAPTER 25, SUBCHAPTER 305, PERTAINING TO APPLICANT  
13 QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONTRACTOR LICENSURE; AND FOR OTHER  
14 PURPOSES."  
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### Subtitle

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18 "AN ACT PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION  
19 FOR CONTRACTOR LICENSURE; TO APPLICANT  
20 QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONTRACTOR LICENSURE;  
21 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 17-25-303(a) is amended to read as follows:

26 "(a)(1) Any person desiring to be licensed as a contractor in this  
27 state shall make and file with the board thirty (30) days prior to any regular  
28 or special meeting thereof, a written application on a form as may then be  
29 prescribed by the board, for examination by the board. The application shall  
30 be accompanied by payment in a sum to be determined by the board, but not to  
31 exceed one hundred dollars (\$100), to the Contractors Licensing Board.

32 (2) The thirty (30) day requirement may be waived by the Contractors  
33 Licensing Board provided the contractor has on file with the Contractors  
34 Licensing Board a completed original application and proof of successfully  
35 completing any examination required."  
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1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 17-25-305 is amended to read as follows:

2 "17-25-305. Applicant qualifications.

3 (a) The board, in determining the qualifications of any applicant for  
4 original license or any renewal license, shall, among other things, consider  
5 the following:

6 (1) Experience;

7 (2) Ability;

8 (3) Character;

9 (4) The manner of performance of previous contracts;

10 (5) Financial condition;

11 (6) Equipment;

12 (7) Any other fact tending to show ability and willingness to conserve  
13 the public health and safety; and

14 (8) Default in complying with the provisions of this chapter or any  
15 other law of the state.

16 (b) The board may develop reciprocal agreements with other states with  
17 similar licensing responsibilities."

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19 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
20 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
21 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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23 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
24 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
25 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
26 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
27 act are declared to be severable.

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29 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
30 hereby repealed.

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32 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE.

33 It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that greater  
34 flexibility is required in the issuance of contractors' licenses to enable the  
35 Contractors Licensing Board to provide for the efficient regulation of  
36 licensed contractors and that the immediate passage of this act is necessary

1 to accomplish the purposes of this act. Therefore, an emergency is declared  
2 to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the  
3 public peace, health and safety shall become effective on the date of its  
4 approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the  
5 Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the period of time  
6 during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the  
7 Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the  
8 last house overrides the veto.

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