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CHAPTER 291

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ASSEMBLY 461

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BY Sweeney, Jarrington, Woodson

STATEMENT

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13 examination if he files an application and pays a fee of \$2.00 within 90  
14 days following an honorable discharge from said armed forces.

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2 of the State treasury within 30 days after the receipt thereof.

1 20. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

The intent of this legislation is to provide the process that will assure high standards of character and performance on the part of those who guide particularly the public recreation programs for the people of this State. In the future the people of our State will be faced with more leisure time due to the shorter work week, automation and enforced retirements due to mandatory pension plans. Recreation is a part of our educational process and it follows that recreation administrators and supervisors should possess the necessary academic background and experience to enable them to guide the citizens of our State towards wholesome and healthy leisure time activities. Through this legislation, certain administrative processes of selection and certification will be empowered without injury to those presently serving but establishing a safeguard for the future for our people.

It is estimated that the bill, if enacted, would produce during the first fiscal year a revenue of \$1,200.00 and an annual revenue in the amount of \$1,000.00 thereafter which shall be paid into the general funds of the State treasury.

The administrative cost is estimated at \$100.00 per year.

This legislation is indorsed by the New Jersey Recreation and Parks Society, Inc.

ASSEMBLY, No. 461

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 7, 1966

By Assemblymen SWEENEY, FARRINGTON and WOODSON

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Economic Development

AN Act establishing a board of recreation examiners, and prescribing its powers and duties.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New*  
2 *Jersey:*

1 1. As used in this act, unless the context shall otherwise indicate, the  
2 following words shall have the following meaning:

3 (a) "Board" means the board of recreation examiners established  
4 under this act.

5 (b) "Recreation administrator" means the executive head or assistant  
6 to the executive head administering a major recreation program for the  
7 State or a county or municipality, or any agency thereof, or for any public  
8 institution.

9 (c) "Recreation supervisor" means a person responsible for the plan-  
10 ning, organizing and supervising of a part of a program administered by a  
11 recreation administrator.

1 2. There is hereby established in the Department of Conservation and  
2 Economic Development the board of recreation examiners of the State of  
3 New Jersey, which shall consist of 5 members to be appointed by the Gov-  
4 ernor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

1 3. Each member of the board shall be appointed for a term of 3 years,  
2 except that the first members of the board shall be appointed and shall serve

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

3 —one for 1 year, one for 2 years, and one for 3 years. No member shall be  
4 appointed to serve for more than 2 consecutive terms. All members shall  
5 serve without compensation.

1 4. All members of the board shall serve after the expiration of their  
2 respective terms until their respective successors shall be appointed and  
3 shall qualify, and vacancies occurring in the membership of the board shall  
4 be filled for the unexpired terms only.

1 5. The first meeting of the board shall be held at the call of the Gover-  
2 nor, and thereafter the board shall meet annually and shall hold at least one  
3 additional meeting within each 12-month period.

1 6. The board shall, at its first meeting and thereafter at each annual  
2 meeting, elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership,  
3 but no member shall be elected chairman for more than 2 consecutive years.  
4 The board may also appoint a secretary who shall serve for a term of 1 year  
5 and until his successor is appointed and shall qualify. A quorum of the board  
6 shall consist of a majority of the membership thereof.

1 7. It shall be the duty of the board to:

2 (a) Administer a plan of permissive certification and registration for  
3 recreation administrators and recreation supervisors.

4 (b) Make such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the en-  
5 forcement of the plan.

6 (c) Establish and modify qualifications and hold examinations for cer-  
7 tification and registration of recreation administrators and recreation super-  
8 visors.

9 (d) Keep, or cause to be kept, an accurate record of all its proceedings,  
10 including a register of all applicants for certificates and of all individuals  
11 to whom certificates are issued.

12 (e) Conduct, or assist in conducting, research and studies of problems  
13 relating to professional standards among those engaged in recreation work  
14 and recommend changes and improvements therein.

15 (f) Formulate proper application forms, certificates, and other materials  
16 pertinent to the plan.

17 (g) Make annually to the Governor a full and true report of all its  
18 activities with recommendations.

1 8. No person shall be denied the right to make application for cer-  
2 tification and registration or for admission to examination therefor or to  
3 receive a certificate because of race or creed.

1 9. Every applicant for certification and registration as a recreation ad-  
2 ministrator shall, in order to be eligible to take an examination therefor:

3 (a) hold a baccalaureate degree in recreation from an accredited col-  
4 lege and have a minimum total of 12 months' successful recreation experi-  
5 ence, or

6 (b) hold a baccalaureate degree in a field related to recreation, such as  
7 group work, sociology, or physical education from an accredited college, and  
8 have a minimum total of 24 months' successful recreation experience, or

9 (c) hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college and have a  
10 total of 36 months' successful recreation experience\***[.]**\*, or\*

10A \*(d) have 6 or more years' successful administrative and supervisory  
10B recreation experience.\*

11 In meeting the above designated qualifications an applicant may sub-  
12 stitute an additional year of specialized graduate training in recreation for  
13 1 year of successful recreation experience.

1 10. Every applicant, for certification and registration as a recreation  
2 supervisor shall, in order to be eligible to take an examination therefor,

3 (a) hold a baccalaureate degree in recreation from an accredited col-  
4 lege in one or more specialized fields of recreation and have a minimum total  
5 of 9 months' successful recreation experience, or

6 (b) hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college in a field  
7 related to recreation, such as group work, sociology, or physical education,  
8 and have a minimum total of 21 months' successful recreation experience, or

9 (c) hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college and have a  
10 total of 30 months' successful recreation experience\***[.]**\*, or\*

10A     \*(d) have 4 or more years' successful recreation experience.\*

11     In meeting the above designated qualifications, an applicant may sub-  
12 stitute an additional year of specialized training in recreation for 1 year  
13 of successful recreation experience.

1     11. Each applicant for examination shall file an application with the  
2 board on a form provided by the board for that purpose, which application  
3 must contain such information that the board may determine therefrom  
4 whether or not the applicant has the qualifications, required by this act, in  
5 order to qualify to take such examination, and each application shall be  
6 accompanied by an application fee of \$5.00 which shall not be returnable in  
7 event that the applicant is not admitted to examination or, if admitted, fails  
8 to pass the same.

1     12. The board shall fix appropriate dates and places for action upon  
2 applications and the giving of examinations and shall notify all applicants  
3 promptly as to action taken upon such applications and such examination.

1     13. Examinations may be given by written, oral, and practical tests,  
2 accompanied by interviews and other evaluation aids as shall be determined  
3 by the board, and at least one examination shall be given in each calendar year  
4 if an application is made therefor, and every applicant successfully passing  
5 an examination shall receive a certificate and be registered accordingly.

1     14. Any "recreation administrator" or "recreation supervisor" in office,  
2 position or employment on the effective date of this act, shall be entitled to  
3 apply for and receive a certificate, without examination, qualifying him as  
4 "recreation administrator" or "recreation supervisor" upon payment of  
5 the same fees required of others who become eligible for certification and  
6 registration.

1     15. The board may issue temporary certificates in proper cases in which  
2 it finds that an emergency exists but such temporary certificates shall con-  
3 tain a statement of the contingencies which exist, how they may be removed  
4 and the time limit imposed for such removal and any temporary certificates  
5 so issued shall be void after the time so limited therein.

1 16. The board may refuse the application of any applicant for an exam-  
2 ination or, after due notice and public hearing, refuse to issue a certificate,  
3 or revoke any certificate issued by it, if the applicant for, or holder of, such  
4 a certificate—

5 (a) has been convicted of an offense involving moral turpitude, is a drug  
6 addict or alcoholic or is mentally incompetent, or

7 (b) advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States  
8 by force and violence or other unlawful means, or

9 (c) has made any willful statement or impersonated any other person  
10 or permitted or aided any other person to impersonate him in connection with  
11 any application or examination for certification and registration, or

12 (d) has been found to be inefficient in performing the duties of any  
13 position held by him, on the basis of the holding of which experience qualifi-  
14 cations are offered on his behalf.

1 17. Every certificate shall expire upon March 1 of the second calendar  
2 year following the issuance thereof, but may be renewed upon payment of  
3 a renewal fee of \$2.00 prior to the expiration thereof. Any certificate holder  
4 may apply for renewal of his certificate at any time during 12 months follow-  
5 ing the date of the expiration thereof, and shall be entitled to renewal thereof  
6 except for cause, upon payment of a fee of \$5.00.

7 If any person holding one type of certificate makes application for and is  
8 granted another type of certificate, he shall pay a certification fee of \$5.00.

1 18. Every person employed to perform the duties of the character in  
2 this act defined as those of a recreation administrator or a recreation  
3 supervisor, as the case may be, on the effective date of this act, who is not  
4 ineligible for certification and registration pursuant to the provisions of sec-  
5 tions 8 or 15 of this act, shall be entitled to appropriate certification and reg-  
6 istration without examination upon the filing of an application, accompanied  
7 by a fee of \$2.00, not later than 1 year following July 1 immediately fol-  
8 lowing the effective date of this act, and any person who is in the service  
9 of the Armed Forces of the United States and who was engaged in the full

10 time performance of such duties at the time of his induction into said armed  
11 forces, and for at least 2 years preceding such induction, may file such an  
12 application and shall be entitled to receive an appropriate certificate without  
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