

# 45:14A-9

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**SPONSOR(S):** Arnone and Farragher

**DATE INTRODUCED:** Pre-filed

**COMMITTEE:**            **ASSEMBLY:** Consumer Affairs

**SENATE:** Commerce

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** No

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**SENATE:** Feb 15, 2001

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### FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

**FINAL TEXT OF BILL** (original version enacted)

**A1180**

**SPONSORS STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 3 of original bill)            Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                            **ASSEMBLY:**            Yes

**SENATE:**            Yes

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:**            No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:**            No

**S1557**

**SPONSORS STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 3 of original bill)            Yes

Bill and Sponsors Statement identical to A1180

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**

**ASSEMBLY:** No

**SENATE:** Yes

Identical to Senate Statement for A1180

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:** No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** No

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# ASSEMBLY, No. 1180

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 209th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2000 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman MICHAEL J. ARNONE**

**District 12 (Monmouth)**

**Assemblywoman CLARE M. FARRAGHER**

**District 12 (Monmouth)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Broadens education requirement for professional planning licensure.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning the practice of professional planning and  
2 amending P.L.1962, c.109.

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7 1. Section 9 of P.L.1962, c.109 (C.45:14A-9) is amended to read  
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9 9. The following shall be considered as minimum evidence  
10 satisfactory to the board that an applicant is qualified for license as a  
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25 Any person having the necessary qualifications prescribed in this act  
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27 such license even though he may not be practicing his profession at the  
28 time of making application.

29 (cf: P.L.1991, c.104, s.1)

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31 2. This act shall take effect immediately, but shall remain  
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46 credit hours in recognized planning subjects approved by the State

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7 or the board.

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ASSEMBLY CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND REGULATED  
PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1180**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 10, 2000

The Assembly Consumer Affairs and Regulated Professions Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1180.

This bill broadens the education requirements associated with professional planning licensure.

Under current law, an applicant for license as a professional planner is required to have an educational background which consists of: (1) a graduate degree in professional planning from an accredited college or university in a curriculum offering instruction in recognized planning subjects which are enumerated in the law; (2) an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university in a curriculum offering a major or option comprising a minimum of 21 credit hours in recognized planning subjects approved by the State Board of Professional Planners; or (3) graduation from a secondary school and at least 12 years of professional planning experience acceptable to the board.

The bill requires that any professional planning experience which serves to qualify an individual for licensure as a planner be experience as defined by the American Institute of Certified Planners or the board.

In addition, the bill allows an applicant for license as a professional planner to have a graduate or undergraduate degree in a field other than professional planning from an accredited college or university with a minimum of four years' experience in full-time planning practice.

Finally, the bill reduces from twelve to eight the number of years of professional planning experience required of a graduate from a secondary school in order to be eligible for licensure as a professional planner.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2000 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1180**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 14, 2000

The Senate Commerce Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1180.

This bill revises the education and experience requirements required for professional planning licensure.

Under current law, an applicant for licensure as a professional planner is required to meet one of the following education and experience requirements: (1) a graduate degree in professional planning from an accredited college or university in a curriculum offering instruction in recognized planning subjects which are enumerated in the law and three years' experience in the full-time practice of professional planning; (2) an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university in a curriculum offering a major or option comprising a minimum of 21 credit hours in recognized planning subjects approved by the State Board of Professional Planners and four years' experience in the full-time practice of professional planning; or (3) graduation from a secondary school and at least 12 years of professional planning experience acceptable to the board.

The bill reduces the years of experience in the full-time practice of professional planning required of applicants with graduate and undergraduate degrees in professional planning, from three years' experience to two years for applicants with graduate degrees and from four years' experience to three years for applicants with undergraduate degrees; and further requires that those years of experience be as defined by the American Institute of Certified Planners or the board. In addition, the bill reduces from twelve to eight the number of years of professional planning experience required of a graduate from a secondary school in order to be eligible for licensure as a professional planner and provides that the experience shall be as defined by the American Institute of Certified Planners or as acceptable to the board.

Finally, the bill allows an applicant for licensure as a professional planner to have a graduate or undergraduate degree in a field other than professional planning from an accredited college or university with a minimum of four years' experience in full-time planning practice, as defined by the American Institute of Certified Planners or as acceptable to the board.



# ASSEMBLY, No. 1180

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PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2000 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman MICHAEL J. ARNONE**

**District 12 (Monmouth)**

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**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senator Schluter**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/16/2001)**

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**SENATE, No. 1557**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**209th LEGISLATURE**

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INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 21, 2000

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator WILLIAM E. SCHLUTER**

**District 23 (Warren, Hunterdon and Mercer)**

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## STATEMENT TO

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# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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P.L. 2001, CHAPTER 27, *approved March 8, 2001*

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A graduate degree in a field other than professional planning from an accredited college or university with a minimum of four years' experience in the full-time practice of professional planning as defined by the American Institute of Certified Planners or as acceptable to the board; or

(2) An undergraduate degree in professional planning from an accredited college or university in a curriculum offering a major or option comprising a minimum of 21 credit hours in such recognized planning subjects as shall be approved by the board; with a minimum of three years' experience in the full-time practice of professional planning as defined by the American Institute of Certified Planners or as acceptable to the board; or

An undergraduate degree in a field other than professional planning from an accredited college or university with a minimum of four years' experience in the full-time practice of professional planning as defined by the American Institute of Certified Planners or as acceptable to the board; or

(3) Graduation from a secondary school and at least 8 years of professional planning experience as defined by the American Institute of Certified Planners or as acceptable to the board; or

(4) For a period of eight years only subsequent to July 1, 1963, a degree in a closely related course of study such as architecture, landscape architecture, engineering, law, sociology, geography, public administration, political science or economics, with a minimum of 18 credit hours in recognized planning subjects included as part of or in addition to such courses of study in an accredited college or university, with a minimum of five years' experience in the full-time practice of professional planning.

(c) The applicant for license as a professional planner shall obtain a passing grade, as determined by the board, upon a qualifying written examination. Such examination shall comprise subject matter covering:

(1) History of urban, rural, and regional planning.

(2) Fundamental theories, research methods and common basic standards in professional planning.

(3) Administrative and legal problems, instruments and methods.

(4) Current planning design and techniques.

(5) Planning law, procedures and practices as contained in the "Municipal Land Use Law," P.L.1975, c.291 (C.40:55D-1 et seq.).

In considering the qualifications of applicants, the teaching of recognized planning subjects may be construed as planning experience.

Any person having the necessary qualifications prescribed in this act to entitle him to license

as a professional planner shall be eligible for such license even though he may not be practicing his profession at the time of making application.

2. This act shall take effect immediately, but shall remain inoperative until July 1, 2000.

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Acting Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco today signed the following legislation:

**A-1180**, sponsored by Assembly Members Arnone (R-Monmouth) and Farragher (R-Monmouth) and Senator Schluter (R-Warren/Hunterdon/Mercer), broadens the education requirement for professional planning licensure. The bill amends the education and experience requirements necessary to take the New Jersey Professional Planners license examination. This will make requirements consistent with those for the nationally recognized American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) planner certification.

More specifically, the bill reduces by one year the number of years of professional planning experience required of persons who have a graduate or undergraduate degree in professional planning. In addition, the bill reduces from twelve to eight the number of years of professional planning experience required of a graduate from a secondary school.

Finally, the bill allows an applicant for license as a professional planner to have a graduate degree or undergraduate degree in a field other than professional planning from an accredited college or university with a minimum of four years experience in full-time planning practice.

**A-2177**, sponsored by Assembly Members Azzolina (R-Middlesex/Monmouth) and Crecco (R-Essex/Passaic) and Senator Robertson (R-Essex/Passaic) provides a supplemental appropriation of \$150,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs for the New Jersey Naval Militia Joint Command (NJNMJC).

The NJNMJC is a volunteer force that provides waterborne nautical support to the State and its citizens in times of emergency such as snowstorms, hurricanes and floods. The appropriation will pay for full-time administrative personnel to support the NJNMJC and will enable the NJNMJC to obtain necessary equipment and supplies and pay for personnel recruitment and training.

**A-2818**, sponsored by Assemblymen Connors (R-Atlantic/Burlington/Ocean) and Moran (R-Atlantic/Ocean) and Senator Connors (R-Atlantic/Burlington/Ocean), permits local units to assume the outstanding debt of dissolved authorities. Currently local units must pay off all outstanding bonds and issue new bonds which significantly raises the costs to local units because of higher interest rates or loss of the tax-exempt status of the bonds. The bill also permits local units to refinance, or assume, the dissolved authority's debt to another authority serving the local units served by the dissolved authority. This will require the approval of the Local Finance Board in the Department of Community Affairs. Additionally, the bill will allow payments assumed by a local unit on bonds or other indebtedness of a dissolved authority to be deducted from the gross debt of the local unit by action of the Local Finance Board. If a local unit or authority liquidates the debt of

a dissolved authority through the mechanism of refinancing bonds, the terms for the sale of those bonds would be prescribed by the Local Finance Board.