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Short Title: Sanitarian Education Requirements.

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Sponsors: Representative Davis.

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Referred to: Education.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTERED  
2 SANITARIANS AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY  
3 COLLEGES TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO INSTRUCT INDIVIDUALS WHO  
4 SEEK TO BECOME REGISTERED SANITARIANS.  
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

8 "**§ 90A-53. Qualifications and examination for registration as a sanitarian.**

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

12 (1) Has made application to the Board on a form prescribed by the Board;

13 (2) Is of good moral character;

14 (3) **(Effective until January 1, 1996)** Has received a baccalaureate degree  
15 from a post-secondary educational institution rated as acceptable by the  
16 Board with a minimum of 20 semester hours or its equivalent in the  
17 physical and/or biological sciences;

18 ~~(3) **(Effective January 1, 1996 until January 1, 1998)** Has received a~~  
19 ~~baccalaureate degree from a post-secondary educational institution rated~~

1 as acceptable by the Board with a minimum of 25 semester hours or its  
2 equivalent in the physical and/or biological sciences;

3 (3) ~~(Effective January 1, 1998) Has received a baccalaureate degree from~~  
4 ~~a post-secondary educational institution rated as acceptable by the~~  
5 ~~Board with a minimum of 30 semester hours or its equivalent in the~~  
6 ~~physical and/or biological sciences;~~

7 (3) Has received a degree from a community college within the North  
8 Carolina Community College System or any comparable educational  
9 institution rated as acceptable by the Board, with a minimum of 20  
10 semester hours or its equivalent in the physical or biological sciences;

11 (4) Has satisfactorily completed a course in specialized instruction and  
12 training approved by the Board which course shall be designed as to  
13 content and so administered as to present sufficient knowledge of the  
14 needs properly to be served by public health sanitation, the elements of  
15 good environmental health sanitation, the laws and regulations  
16 governing sanitation in environmental health and the protection of the  
17 public health;

18 (5) Has had at least two years' experience in the field of environmental  
19 health as defined in this Article. Provided, however, that only one year  
20 of experience in the field of environmental health as defined in this  
21 Article is required of a sanitarian intern who is a graduate of a  
22 bachelor's or master's degree program that is accredited by the National  
23 Accreditation Council for Environmental Health Curricula of the  
24 National Environmental Health Association.

25 (6) Has passed an examination administered by the Board designed to test  
26 for competence in the subject matters of environmental health  
27 sanitation. The examination shall be in a form prescribed by the Board  
28 and may be oral, written, or both. The examination for applicants shall  
29 be held annually or more frequently as the Board may by rule prescribe,  
30 at a time and place to be determined by the Board. A person shall not  
31 be registered if such person fails to meet the minimum grade  
32 requirements for examination specified by the Board. Failure to pass an  
33 examination shall not prohibit such person from being examined at  
34 subsequent times and places as specified by the Board; and

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

37 Sec. 2. Chapter 115D of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
38 Article to read:

39 **"ARTICLE 6B.**

40 **"SANITARIAN INSTRUCTION.**

41 **"§ 115D-74. Sanitarian Instruction Program.**

42 (a) There is created a Sanitarian Instruction Program for the purpose of  
43 establishing a curriculum to instruct individuals who seek to become eligible to be

1 registered as sanitarians pursuant to Chapter 90A of the General Statutes. This  
2 curriculum shall be delivered by the Department of Community Colleges. The Program  
3 may be administered by a sanitarian instruction coordinator who shall be responsible for  
4 the planning, curriculum, and completion requirements for the Program. The curriculum  
5 developed under this section shall be designed to satisfy the education requirements for  
6 registered sanitarians under G.S. 90A-53. The State Board of Community Colleges may  
7 elect a sanitarian instruction coordinator upon nomination of the President of the  
8 Community College System, and the compensation of the sanitarian instruction  
9 coordinator shall be fixed by the State Board upon recommendation of the President of  
10 the Community College System pursuant to G.S. 115D-3. The State Board of  
11 Community Colleges may contract with an appropriate public or private agency to carry  
12 out the duties of the sanitarian instruction coordinator under this section.

13 (b) The Sanitarian Instruction Program shall be implemented through the  
14 Department of Community Colleges at institutions that choose to provide the Program.  
15 The sanitarian instruction coordinator shall select and facilitate the training and  
16 certification of instructors who will implement the Program."

17       Sec. 3. This act becomes effective January 1, 1996.