

determine that the hearing on any adoption petition shall be held in chambers. He shall, on the request of any party to an adoption proceeding, hold the hearing thereon in chambers, except that if said petition is contested the consent of the other party or parties shall be required.

Approved June 10, 1971.

Chap. 389. AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING INVESTMENTS OF CO-OPERATIVE BANKS IN CERTAIN SECURITIES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 26 of chapter 170 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after subsection 2 the following subsection:—

2A. In securities described as legal investments under the provisions of section fifty-one of chapter one hundred and sixty-eight, subject, however, to the provisions of said section, and subject to the following provision: Officers and members of the security committee and of the board of directors of a co-operative bank may rely upon the legal list referred to in said section fifty-one as representing an accurate listing of stocks, bonds, notes and other interest bearing obligations eligible for investment by it; and no such officer or member shall be personally liable for any loss incurred by such bank arising from the purchase in good faith of any security appearing on said list at the time of such purchase.

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Chap. 390. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REGISTRATION OF ARCHITECTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The definition of "Practice of architecture" in section 60A of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as amended by section 1 of chapter 679 of the acts of 1957, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 8 and 9, the words "supervision of construction" and inserting in place thereof the words:—administration of construction contracts.

SECTION 2. Said section 60A of said chapter 112 is hereby further amended by inserting after the definition of "Certificate of registration" the following definition:—

"Good moral character", such character as will enable a person to discharge the fiduciary duties of an architect to his client. Evidence of inability to discharge such duties shall include commission of an offense justifying discipline under section sixty G, the practice of architecture in violation of section sixty K, the practice of architecture without a license in violation of the laws of another jurisdiction, or conviction of a felony; provided, that the board may consider evidence of reform.

SECTION 3. The first paragraph of section 60B of said chapter 112, as amended by chapter 101 of the acts of 1969, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 1, the word "twenty-five" and inserting in place thereof the word:—twenty-one.

SECTION 4. Said chapter 112 is hereby further amended by striking out section 60C, as most recently amended by chapter 503 of the acts of 1967, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 60C. Every person applying to the board for registration shall submit with his application to the board evidence of graduation from a recognized high school or its equivalent. The applicant shall also submit satisfactory evidence of graduation from an accredited school of architecture and of such practical experience in architectural work as the board may by regulation prescribe. In lieu of evidence of graduation from an accredited school of architecture, the applicant may submit satisfactory evidence of such other academic experience, practical experience, or both, as the board may by regulation prescribe. The board shall thereupon examine the applicant in writing, on such technical and professional subjects as are prescribed by it. A written examination may be supplemented by such oral examination as the board may determine. The board may exempt from said written examination a holder of a certificate of qualification issued by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

The board may adopt as its own rules and regulations governing academic and practical experience those guidelines published from time to time by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards. The board may also adopt the examinations and recommended grading procedures of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

SECTION 5. Section 60G of said chapter 112, as appearing in section 2 of chapter 696 of the acts of 1941, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 19, the word "or" and by inserting after clause (f) the following clause:—

; or (g) that the holder of such certificate has an interest in the manufacture, sale or installation of any component or process in a project for which he is the architect, which interest he has not disclosed to his client in such manner as the board shall by regulation prescribe.

SECTION 6. Section 60K of said chapter 112, as appearing in section 3 of chapter 679 of the acts of 1957, is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence.

SECTION 7. Section 60L of said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out clauses 3 and 4 and inserting in place thereof the following two clauses:—

3. The preparation of any detailed or shop plans required to be furnished by a contractor, or the administration of construction contracts by persons customarily engaged in contracting work;

4. The employees of a registered architect or persons acting under his direction from carrying out their normal duties in the preparation of plans and specifications or in the administration of construction contracts;—and by adding the following clause:—

; 9. A nonresident who holds a certificate of registration to practice architecture in the state in which he resides and in addition holds a certificate of qualification issued by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards from agreeing to perform or holding himself out as able to perform any of the professional services involved in the practice of architecture; provided, that he shall not perform any of the professional services involved in the practice of architecture until registered as hereinbefore provided.

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