AN ACT Relating to the board of accountancy; amending RCW 18.04.180; adding a new section to chapter 18.04 RCW; repealing RCW 18.04.183 and 18.04.320; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Sec. 1. RCW 18.04.180 and 2004 c 159 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The board shall issue a license to a holder of a certificate/valid license issued by another state that entitles the holder to practice public accountancy, provided that:
(a) Such state makes similar provision to grant reciprocity to a holder of a valid certificate or license in this state;
(b) The applicant meets the CPE requirements of RCW 18.04.215(5);
(c) The applicant meets the good character requirements of RCW 18.04.105(1)(a); and
(d) The applicant passed the examination required for issuance of his or her certificate or license with grades that would have been passing grades at that time in this state and meets all current requirements in this state for issuance of a license at the time application is made; or at the time of the issuance of the applicant’s license in the other state, met all the requirements then applicable in this state; or has three years of experience within the five years immediately preceding application or had five years of experience within the ten years immediately preceding application in the practice of public accountancy that meets the requirements prescribed by the board.

(2) The board may accept NASBA’s designation of the applicant as substantially equivalent to national standards as meeting the requirement of subsection (1)(d) of this section.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 18.04 RCW to read as follows:

Each member of the board shall be compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.240 and shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in the discharge of such duties in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:
(1) RCW 18.04.183 (Accountants from foreign countries) and 2001 c 294 s 9, 1999 c 378 s 3, & 1992 c 103 s 18; and
(2) RCW 18.04.320 (Actions against license—Procedures) and 1986 c 295 s 13, 1983 c 234 s 14, & 1949 c 226 s 31.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. This act takes effect July 1, 2006.
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**TYPES OF MEASURES**

**Bill:** A proposed law presented to the Legislature for consideration; it may originate in either house.

**Joint Memorial:** A message or petition addressed to the president, Congress, or the head of any other agency of the federal or state government, asking for consideration of some matter of concern to the state or region. Proposed amendments to the U.S. Constitution are also in the form of joint memorials.

**Joint Resolution:** An act of the legislature which proposes an amendment to the state constitution for reference to the people for acceptance or rejection. Joint resolutions must receive a two-thirds affirmative vote in each house.

**Concurrent Resolution:** A resolution relating to the internal operation of the legislature, in which one house concurs in the action of the other; it may originate in either house.

**Floor Resolution:** A resolution adopted by either house usually honoring or commemorating an individual, organization, or event. It also may call for some type of action.

**Initiative:** A legislative power vested in the people. There are two types: (1) initiative to the people, which goes directly to the voters without consideration by the legislature; and (2) initiative to the legislature, which is considered by the legislature at its next regular session, and if not enacted, is placed on the next general election ballot.

**DEFINITIONS OF TERMS**

**Amendment:** Any change in a bill, resolution or memorial. A committee amendment is an amendment proposed in a committee meeting. A floor amendment is an amendment proposed on the floor of a legislative chamber.

**Striking Amendment:** Amendment removing everything after the title and inserting a whole new bill.

**HB:** Abbreviation for House Bill.

**SB:** Abbreviation for Senate Bill.

**S (Substitute):** A new bill is proposed by a committee to replace the original one. The substitution must be approved by the entire body.

**E (Engrossed):** Incorporates amendments that were passed by the house of origin (where the bill was introduced).

**Scope and Object:** If an amendment offered to a proposed bill does not relate closely to the content of the bill, a member may raise “scope and object.” The president then rules if the amendment is “in order” or “out of order.”

**Enacted:** When a bill is passed by both houses of the legislature and signed by the governor.

**New Section:** Proposed new language to be added as a new section to existing law.

**Veto:** Partial or complete rejection of a bill by the governor. The governor has the power to veto sections of bills but cannot make any additions.

**Override:** The legislature can override the governor’s veto with a two-thirds vote of both houses.