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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to qualifications for admission to the bar.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 602.10102, Code 1995, is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 602.10102 QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.

4 Every applicant for such admission shall be a person of
5 honesty, integrity, trustworthiness, truthfulness and one who
6 appreciates and will adhere to a code of conduct for lawyers
7 as adopted by the supreme court. The applicant shall be an
8 inhabitant of this state, and shall have actually and in good
9 faith pursued a regular course of study of the law and shall
10 have graduated from some reputable law school. The
11 application form shall not contain a recent photograph of the
12 applicant. An applicant shall not be ineligible for
13 registration because of age, citizenship, sex, race, religion,
14 marital status or national origin although the application
15 form may require citizenship information. The board may
16 consider the past record of guilty pleas and convictions of
17 public offenses of an applicant. Character references may be
18 required; however, such references shall not be restricted to
19 lawyers.

20 For purposes of this section, "reputable law school"
21 includes a law school that the supreme court has not
22 disqualified as not being reputable at the time the applicant
23 first enrolled in the law school and whose prior graduates
24 have been permitted to become a member of the bar in this
25 state.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill provides that a reputable law school for purposes
28 of determining the qualifications for admission to the bar
29 includes a law school the supreme court has not disqualified
30 as not being reputable when the applicant first enrolled in
31 the law school and whose prior graduates have been accepted
32 for bar membership by this state.

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