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INTRODUCED BY FARMER, PETTIT, TRELLO, MERRY, TIGUE AND  
YOUNGBLOOD, JUNE 19, 1996

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, JUNE 19, 1996

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 23, 1945 (P.L.913, No.367), entitled, as  
2 amended, "An act relating to and regulating the practice of  
3 the profession of engineering, including civil engineering,  
4 mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, mining  
5 engineering and chemical engineering, the profession of land  
6 surveying and the profession of geology and constituent parts  
7 and combinations thereof as herein defined; providing for the  
8 licensing and registration of persons practicing said  
9 profession, and the certification of engineers-in-training  
10 and surveyors-in-training, and the suspension and revocation  
11 of said licenses, registrations and certifications for  
12 violation of this act; prescribing the powers and duties of  
13 the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land  
14 Surveyors and Geologists, the Department of State and the  
15 courts; prescribing penalties; and repealing existing laws,"  
16 further providing for surveyors-in-training.

17 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
18 hereby enacts as follows:

19 Section 1. Section 2(i) of the act of May 23, 1945 (P.L.913,  
20 No.367), known as the Engineer, Land Surveyor and Geologist  
21 Registration Law, amended December 13, 1979 (P.L.534, No.120),  
22 is amended to read:

23 Section 2. Definitions.--As used in this act--

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25 (i) "Responsible Charge" means a position that requires

1 initiative, skill and independent judgment, and implies such  
2 degree of competence and accountability gained by technical  
3 education and experience of a grade and character as is  
4 sufficient to qualify an individual to personally and  
5 independently engage in and be entrusted with the work involved  
6 in the practice of engineering or land surveying. This term does  
7 not include positions which require routine performance of  
8 subprofessional work such as auxiliary survey personnel [(unless  
9 acting as chief of party)] and drafting personnel. The holder of  
10 a surveyor-in-training certificate may assume responsible charge  
11 as chief of a survey party pursuant to subsection (d) of section  
12 4.3.

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14 Section 2. Section 4.3 of the act is amended by adding a  
15 subsection to read:

16 Section 4.3. Procedure for Licensing as Professional Land  
17 Surveyor.--\* \* \*

18 (d) No surveyor-in-training shall assume responsible charge,  
19 as defined in this act, of any field or office work, unless the  
20 licensed land surveyor under whose supervision the applicant's  
21 progressive experience is gained shall attest to the character  
22 and quality of said work by affixing his or her seal thereto.

23 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.