



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1106

PRINTERS NO. 1931

PRIME SPONSOR: Emrick

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
Professional Licensure Augmentation Account	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends the Engineer, Land Surveyor and Geologist Registration Law to clarify provisions and update the law to reflect current practice. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends the Engineer, Land Surveyor and Geologist Registration Law (Act 367 of 1945) to do the following:

- Amends the definition of "Practice of Engineering" to clarify that it includes not only the initial design of projects, but also the analysis of completed buildings, structures, etc.
- Amends the definition of "Practice of Land Surveying" to clarify that it includes not only determining boundary lines, but also determining the position of structures or permanently installed equipment.
- Amends the definition of "Engineering Land Surveys", something both Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors are authorized to perform, to clarify that it includes determining the position of fixed objects, whether for project design or analysis, by use of any mapping or positioning technology that requires professional understanding for the appropriate and safe usage.
- Replaces the title "Engineer-in-training" with "Engineer Intern."
- Clarifies that distance learning courses shall satisfy continuing education requirements provided they are verifiable and measurable by the actual hours of instruction.
- Modifies the license exemption provided in Section 5(b), which allows licensees from other states to practice in PA for up to 30 days per year if the other state's standards are equal to PA's, by clarifying that the individual must apply for reciprocity.
- Deletes the license exemption provided in Section 5(f) for an individual who practices engineering, land surveying or geology on property owned by that person or their employer if the practice has no impact on public safety or health.
- Adds a license exemption for employees or agents of electric cooperative corporations that is similar to the exemption already provided for PUC regulated utilities.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.