

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO.

House Bill 975

PRINTER'S NO.

2060

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General

DATE INTRODUCED

March 18, 2009

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Adolph

HISTORY OF BILL

Referred to PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 18, 2009

Reported as amended, June 9, 2009

First consideration, June 9, 2009

Re-committed to RULES, June 9, 2009

Re-reported as committed, July 6, 2009

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Third consideration and final passage, Aug. 19, 2009 (189-0)

In the Senate

Referred to CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
Sept. 2, 2009

Reported as committed, Jan. 26, 2010

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Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, Feb. 3, 2010

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DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 975 amends Act 367 of 1945, known as the "Engineer, Land Surveyor and Geologist Registration Law" to require continuing professional competency activities as a condition of licensure and permits the certification of a "geologist-in-training".

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The bill makes the following changes to current law:

1. Permits the certification of a geologist-in-training if the individual graduated from an approved four year geology curriculum and passes a fundamentals of geology exam.
2. Authorizes the board to become a member of the National Association of State Boards of Geology.
3. Requires applicants for a geologist license to complete an exam and provide satisfactory evidence of experience.
4. Requires licensees covered under the act to obtain 24 units of "professional development hours (PDH)".
5. Defines what PDH units may and may not include and allows for the conversion of college courses, continuing education, publications, and patents to PDH's.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Engineer, Land Surveyor and Geologist Board is self funded through a restricted "Professional Licensure Augmentation Account" by fees paid by licensees regulated by the Board. As such, we expect there to be no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

Section 9 of the act requires the Board to be self-funding. If the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs determines that the fees established by the board are inadequate to meet the minimum enforcement efforts required, then the Bureau, after consultation with the Board, shall increase the fees by regulation such that adequate revenues are raised to meet the required enforcement effort.