

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 403

PRINTER NO. 1187

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

February 21, 2023

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Baker

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 403 amends the Engineer, Land Surveyor and Geologist Registration Law (the act), further providing for definitions, for procedure for licensing as a professional engineer or as a professional land surveyor, and for continuing professional competency requirements.

This legislation changes several definitions in the act. "Practice of engineering" is updated to include the analysis of applicable engineered systems and the modification and alteration in connection with the practice of engineering. "Engineer-in-training" is redefined as "engineer intern", with related technical changes throughout existing law. The bill makes further updates throughout, changing references from "he" or "him" to "applicant" or "person" where appropriate.

Senate Bill 403 provides that a certified engineer-in-training or surveyor-in-training is allowed to have the required four or more years of experience in engineering or surveying while working under the supervision of a professional engineer or surveyor apply before the issuance of an in-training certificate. Under current law, training experience is only applicable if it occurred after the issuance of a certificate.

The bill also allows for the completion of distance learning courses if the courses relate to professional practice and the professional development hour units awarded are verifiable and measurable by the actual hours of instruction.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 403 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.