

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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ROBERTS, BELFANTI, CORRIGAN, STEELMAN, KELLER, WASHINGTON,
PALLONE AND MCGILL, DECEMBER 4, 2001

SENATOR THOMPSON, APPROPRIATIONS, IN SENATE, RE-REPORTED AS
AMENDED, NOVEMBER 12, 2002

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 THE APPOINTMENT OF LICENSED GEOLOGISTS <—
17 TO THE BOARD AND FOR THE procedure for licensing as A <—
18 professional land surveyor.

19 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
20 hereby enacts as follows:

21 ~~Section 1. Section 4.3(b)(1) of the act of May 23, 1945~~ <—
22 ~~(P.L.913, No.367), known as the Engineer, Land Surveyor and~~
23 ~~Geologist Registration Law, added December 19, 1990 (P.L.782,~~

1 ~~No.192), is amended and the subsection is amended by adding a~~
2 ~~clause to read:~~

3 SECTION 1. SECTION 4.1(A) OF THE ACT OF MAY 23, 1945 <—
4 (P.L.913, NO.367), KNOWN AS THE ENGINEER, LAND SURVEYOR AND
5 GEOLOGIST REGISTRATION LAW, AMENDED DECEMBER 16, 1992 (P.L.1151,
6 NO.151), IS AMENDED TO READ:

7 SECTION 4.1. STATE REGISTRATION BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL
8 ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS AND GEOLOGISTS.--(A) THERE IS HEREBY
9 ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THE STATE
10 REGISTRATION BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS
11 AND GEOLOGISTS. THE BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF THE COMMISSIONER OF
12 PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS, THREE MEMBERS APPOINTED
13 BY THE GOVERNOR WHO SHALL BE PERSONS REPRESENTING THE PUBLIC AT
14 LARGE AND NINE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, FIVE OF WHOM
15 SHALL BE REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, TWO OF WHOM SHALL BE
16 REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS AND TWO OF WHOM SHALL BE
17 REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS. ANY LAND SURVEYOR [AND
18 GEOLOGIST] APPOINTED TO SERVE ON THE BOARD SHALL HAVE RECEIVED
19 THE [RESPECTIVE] LAND SURVEYOR LICENSE [OR GEOLOGIST LICENSE]
20 UPON THE PASSAGE OF THE APPROPRIATE [EXAMINATIONS: PROVIDED,
21 HOWEVER, THAT FOR THE INITIAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS, THE TWO
22 PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST MEMBERS NEED NOT BE LICENSED BY
23 EXAMINATION AT THE TIME OF APPOINTMENT BUT MUST HAVE SATISFIED
24 THE EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT FOR
25 LICENSURE AS A PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST.] EXAMINATION. ANY
26 GEOLOGIST LICENSED UNDER SECTION 4.4 OF THIS ACT SHALL BE
27 ELIGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD. THE PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS
28 OF THE BOARD SHALL BE SO SELECTED THAT NOT MORE THAN TWO OF THEM
29 SHALL SPECIALIZE IN ANY ONE OF THE FIVE MAJOR DISCIPLINES OF
30 ENGINEERING: CIVIL, MINING AND METALLURGICAL, MECHANICAL,

1 ELECTRICAL AND CHEMICAL. EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD SHALL BE A
2 CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND A RESIDENT OF THIS
3 COMMONWEALTH. EACH PROFESSIONAL MEMBER SHALL HAVE BEEN ENGAGED
4 IN THE PRACTICE OF THE RESPECTIVE PROFESSION FOR AT LEAST TEN
5 YEARS AND SHALL HAVE BEEN IN RESPONSIBLE CHARGE OF WORK FOR AT
6 LEAST FIVE YEARS.

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8 SECTION 2. SECTION 4.3(B)(1) OF THE ACT, ADDED DECEMBER 19,
9 1990 (P.L.782, NO.192), IS AMENDED AND THE SUBSECTION IS AMENDED
10 BY ADDING A CLAUSE TO READ:

11 Section 4.3. Procedure for Licensing as Professional Land
12 Surveyor.--* * *

13 (b) (1) An applicant for the surveyor-in-training
14 certificate shall show satisfactory evidence of:

15 (i) graduation from an approved civil engineering curriculum
16 of at least four years, including no less than ten credit hours
17 instruction in surveying;

18 (ii) six or more years of progressive experience in
19 surveying and knowledge, skill and education deemed equivalent,
20 in accordance with board regulation, to graduation from an
21 approved curriculum in land surveying or civil engineering; or

22 (iii) an associate's degree in an approved surveying
23 technology curriculum.

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25 (4) An applicant who is a surveying student who has
26 completed two or more years of an approved curriculum may,
27 subject to board approval, sit for the examination; but such
28 student shall not be eligible for certification until that
29 student shows proof of graduation.

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1 Section ~~2~~ 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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