

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 59

BY SENATOR MARTINY

ENGINEERS. Provides for the qualifications of professional engineers. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 37:695.1, relative to engineers; to provide for powers and duties of the  
3 Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board; to provide for  
4 qualifications; to provide for waivers of certain requirements; to provide certain  
5 procedures and conditions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related  
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 37:695.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 **§695.1. Waiver of the fundamentals of engineering exam**

10 **A. On and after January 1, 2017, an applicant shall not be required to**  
11 **take the examination in the fundamental engineering subjects if he meets all of**  
12 **the following requirements:**

13 **(1) Holds an engineering degree. The board shall by rule set forth the**  
14 **types of approved or recognized engineering degrees, including baccalaureate**  
15 **and graduate degrees.**

16 **(2) Possesses qualifying engineering work experience. The board shall**  
17 **by rule set forth the type and minimum number of years of qualifying**

1 engineering work experience and, based upon the level of engineering degree  
 2 held by the applicant, the requisite work experience required under this  
 3 Paragraph.

4 (3) Has successfully completed the principles and practice of engineering  
 5 examination.

6 (4) Holds an active license to engage in the practice of engineering issued  
 7 to him by proper authority of another state, territory, or possession of the  
 8 United States, or the District of Columbia, or within the past five years from the  
 9 date of application has held an active license to engage in the practice of  
 10 engineering issued to him by proper authority of another state, territory, or  
 11 possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia. The board shall by  
 12 rule set forth the minimum number of years of engineering licensure in the  
 13 other jurisdiction.

14 (5) Has no history of disciplinary action and no disciplinary proceeding  
 15 pending against him by an engineering licensing authority of another state,  
 16 territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia.

17 B. The board shall adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative  
 18 Procedure Act to implement the provisions of this Section by January 1, 2017.

19 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
 20 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
 21 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
 22 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
 23 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michelle Ridge.

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Present law provides for qualifications of professional engineers in La.

Proposed law provides that on and after January 1, 2017, an applicant shall not be required to take the examination in the fundamental engineering subjects if he meets all of the following requirements:

- (1) Holds an engineering degree. The board shall by rule set forth the types of approved or recognized engineering degrees, including baccalaureate and graduate degrees.
- (2) Possesses qualifying engineering work experience. The board shall by rule set forth the type and minimum number of years of qualifying engineering work experience and, based upon the level of engineering degree held by the applicant, the requisite work experience required under this Paragraph.
- (3) Has successfully completed the principles and practice of engineering examination.
- (4) Holds an active license to engage in the practice of engineering issued to him by proper authority of another state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, or within the past five years from the date of application has held an active license to engage in the practice of engineering issued to him by proper authority of another state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia. The board shall by rule set forth the minimum number of years of engineering licensure in the other jurisdiction.
- (5) Has no history of disciplinary action and no disciplinary proceeding pending against him by an engineering licensing authority of another state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia.

Proposed law provides that the board shall adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to implement the provisions of proposed law by January 1, 2017.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 37:695.1)