

2015 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 156

BY SENATOR MARTINY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ENGINEERS. Provides for the qualifications of professional engineers. (8/1/15)

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AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

§695.1. Waiver of the fundamentals of engineering exam

A.(1) For good cause, the board may waive the fundamentals of engineering exam.

(2) When a fundamentals of engineering exam waiver is sought by an applicant, the board in making its determination whether to waive the exam shall consider relevant factors that include but are not limited to the following:

(a) The applicant's education.

(b) The applicant's work experience.

(c) Whether the applicant is licensed in any other state and the status of such license.

1 **(d) Whether another state's licensing authority has initiated a**
 2 **disciplinary proceeding against the applicant and the outcome of such**
 3 **proceeding.**

4 **(e) Whether the applicant has had a license denied, revoked, or**
 5 **suspended by another licensing authority.**

6 **B. The board shall adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative**
 7 **Procedure Act to implement the provisions of this Section by December 1, 2015.**

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 retains present law and authorizes the La. Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board ("board") to waive the fundamentals of engineering exam for good cause.

Proposed law provides that when a waiver is sought by an applicant, the board in making its determination whether to waive the examination shall consider relevant factors that include but are not limited to the following:

- (1) The applicant's education.
- (2) The applicant's work experience.
- (3) Whether the applicant is licensed in any other state and the status of such license.
- (4) Whether another state's licensing authority has initiated a disciplinary proceeding against the applicant and the outcome of such proceeding.
- (5) Whether the applicant has had a license denied, revoked, or suspended by another licensing authority.

Proposed law provides that the board shall adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to implement the provisions of proposed law by December 1, 2015.

Effective August 1, 2015.

(Adds R.S. 37:695.1)