

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. On and after December 1, 2015, 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.

(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 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 state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia. The board shall by rule set forth the minimum 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.

B. The board shall adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative 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.

DIGEST

SB 156 Engrossed

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Present law provides for qualifications of professional engineers in La.

Proposed law provides that on and after December 1, 2015, 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.
- (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 a active license to engage in the practice of engineering issued to him by proper authority of 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 state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of

Columbia. The board shall by rule set forth the minimum 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 December 1, 2015.

Effective August 1, 2015.

(Adds R.S. 37:695.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to the original bill

1. Exempts an applicant for an engineering license from taking the fundamental engineering examination if he meets the following requirements:
 - (a) Holds an engineering degree.
 - (b) Possesses qualifying engineering work experience.
 - (c) Has passed the principles and practice of engineering examination.
 - (d) Holds an active engineering license or has held an active engineering license.
 - (e) Has no history of disciplinary action and no disciplinary proceeding pending against him by another engineering licensing authority.