

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1167

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to definitions and general provisions;
defining geology and geologist; providing for
codification; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 35 of Title 25, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

As used in the Oklahoma Statutes:

1. "Geology" means the science which treats the earth and its
origin and history, in general; the investigation, including
collection of specimens, of the earth's constituent rocks,
minerals, fossils, solids, fluids including surface and
underground waters, gases, and other materials, from the center of
its core to the outer limits of its atmosphere; the study of the
earth; and the applications and utilization of this knowledge of
the earth and to the benefit of mankind. The knowledge and
principles of this science can also be applied to extraterrestrial
bodies; and

2. "Geologist" means a person who:

- a. has earned a baccalaureate or higher degree in a
geological science from an institution of higher
education which is accredited by a regional or
national accrediting agency, with a minimum of
thirty (30) semester hours or forty-five (45)
quarter hours of undergraduate or graduate work in a
field of geology, or

- b. has a specific and continuous record of related and verifiable geological work experience for twenty (20) years prior to the effective date of this act. Verification of work experience could include geologic publications or documented expert testimony which is used to make decisions in administrative or judicial hearing.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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