

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1167

By: Seikel and Caldwell of
the House

and

Cole of the Senate

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 is:
 - a. the study of the earth and its origin and history, in general,
 - b. 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, and
 - c. the application and utilization of this knowledge of the earth for the benefit of mankind; provided, the knowledge and principles of geology may 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 five (5) years prior to the effective date of this act. Publication in a geologic publication or prior qualification as an expert witness in an administrative or judicial proceeding, hearing, or trial shall be prima facie verification of geological work experience.

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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 18th day of May, 1993.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 19th day of May, 1993.

President of the Senate