

SHORT TITLE: Geologists; defining terms; requiring geologists be governed by certain code of professional conduct; making certain acts unlawful; providing penalties; codification; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 44th Legislature (1993)

SENATE BILL NO. 136

By: Snyder

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to geologists; defining terms;

requiring geologists be governed by certain code of professional conduct; making certain acts unlawful; providing penalties; 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 1231 of Title 59, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

As used in this act:

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;
2. "Geologist" means:

- a. a person who 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. a person who has a specific and continuous record of related and verifiable geological work experience for a period of twenty (20) years prior to the effective date of this act; and

3. "Practice of geology" means the performance of service or work which requires the application of the knowledge and principles of geology, including, but not limited to, consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning, mapping and inspection of geological work, and the responsible supervision thereof.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1232 of Title 59, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The professional conduct of geologists shall be governed by the Uniform Code of Professional Conduct, as outlined by the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG), the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), or the Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists (SIPES), depending on the branch of geology practiced by the geologist.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1233 of Title 59, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Any person who holds herself or himself out to be a geologist qualified to practice geology and who does not meet the criteria set forth in the definition of geologist in Section 1 of this act, or any geologist who violates the code of professional conduct

described in Section 2 of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and may, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), or more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment for a period not exceeding six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 4. 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.

44-1-0611

JY