

BILL SUMMARY

- MEASURE:** SB 1529 (Committee Substitute)
- AUTHOR:** Representative Ron Peterson and Senator Coates
- SUBJECT:** An act relating to professions and occupations; modifying provisions relating to engineering and land surveying. Effective date.
- PROVISIONS:**
- Section 1. AMENDATORY Updating definitions regarding engineers or land surveyors:
4. “Practice of engineering” in connection with, now including, communication systems, transportation systems, control system or communications nature.
 7. c. Simplifying reference to Board
 13. Striking the definition of “immediate direction” and replacing it with “core curriculum” to mean the Board-approved land surveying courses which ensure that land surveyor applicants meet the minimum educational requirements for licensure.
- Section 2. AMENDATORY B. Adds to the duties of the Board by allowing employment of a Board Investigator.
- Section 3. AMENDATORY D. Adds to the Board records that may be kept confidential to include exam scores, transcripts of college courses and grades, closed complaints, and information otherwise protected by law. Deleting from the list Board inquiry forms concerning applicants.
- Section 4. AMENDATORY A. Clarifying language.
Updating list to have one item be enough evidence that applicant is qualified for licensure as a professional engineer or certification as an engineer intern:
1. a. Narrows proper authority to be within the jurisdiction or possession of the United States or the District of Columbia. Providing exception that candidates are to be licensed without further examination except as required to present evidence of knowledge of statutes, rules and design requirements.
 - b.-c. Updating language to require passage of an 8-hour written exam rather than admitted to such exam, as outlined below, includes passage of an exam covering knowledge of statutes, rules and design requirements for Oklahoma.
 - d. Striking engineering teaching and replacing with a 4-year degree in a science not related must be followed by a Masters Degree in engineering

from an institution with a comparable engineering program. Foreign degrees may be considered following an evaluation by the Board.

2. a. Adding option that an applicant may have completed 90 semester hours or more for graduation. Requiring proof of graduation.
 - b. Changing requirement for alternative graduation from a specific record of 1 year or more of experience in projects to having completed 90 hours for graduation. Requiring proof.
 - c. A degree in a science not related must be followed by a Masters Degree in engineering from an institution with a comparable engineering program. Foreign degrees may be considered following an evaluation by the Board.
- B. Clarifying language.

Updating list to have one item be enough evidence that applicant is qualified for licensure as a land surveyor:

1. a. Narrows proper authority to be within the jurisdiction or possession of the United States or the District of Columbia. Providing exception that candidates are to be licensed without further examination except as required to present evidence of knowledge of statutes, rules and design requirements.
 - b. Updating requirements for what fulfills graduation, experience and exam.
 - c. Updating language in alternative graduation, experience and exam requirements.
 - d. Specifying exam hours required to fulfill long established practice and exam.
2. Updating requirements to be fulfilled to be a land surveyor intern.

- Section 5. AMENDATORY B. 1. Deleting application fees from statute and allowing fees to be set by Board rules.
2. Deleting certification fees for a firm and allowing fees to be established by Board rules.

- Section 6. AMENDATORY A. Deleting that the passing score for each exam to be set by the Board.
- C. Deleting what constitutes a failing grade.

- Section 7. AMENDATORY A. Clarifying language.
- B. Clarifying language.
- C. Deleting the description of the seal required with license and having the description outlined in Board rules. Updating language. Requiring that where seal is applied, the licensee must sign, pursuant to Board rules.
- D. Updating language.

- Section 8. AMENDATORY A. Clarifying language.
14. Adding when a license may be revoked or licensee shall otherwise be punished to include performing engineering or surveying services outside the licensee's areas of competence.

Renumbering subsequent paragraphs.

C. Deleting that the Board shall levy a specific fine and replacing with an administrative penalty.

D. Changing that principals of a firm who are not authorized may be subject to disciplinary action rather than revoking license.

Section 9. AMENDATORY
fine.

C. Deleting specified amount for

Section 10. AMENDATORY
administrative penalties.

B. Clarifying language regarding

EFFECTIVE

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