

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2789

By: Derby of the House

3 and

4 Sykes of the Senate

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6 An Act relating to professions and occupations;
7 amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 475.15, as amended by
8 Section 6, Chapter 139, O.S.L. 2012 (59 O.S. Supp.
9 2015, Section 475.15), which relates to engineers;
10 providing for reciprocity license for certain
11 applicants; and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 475.15, as
14 amended by Section 6, Chapter 139, O.S.L. 2012 (59 O.S. Supp. 2015,
15 Section 475.15), is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 475.15 A. The Board shall issue to any applicant who,
17 in the opinion of the Board, has met the requirements of Section
18 475.1 et seq. of this title, a certificate of licensure giving the
19 licensee proper authority to practice in this state. The
20 certificate of licensure for a professional engineer shall carry the
21 designation "Professional Engineer" and for a professional land
22 surveyor, "Professional Land Surveyor". It shall give the full name
23 of the licensee with the licensure number and shall be signed by the
24 Chair and the Secretary under the seal of the Board.

1 B. This certificate shall be prima facie evidence that the
2 person named thereon is entitled to all rights, privileges and
3 responsibilities of a professional engineer or professional land
4 surveyor, while the certificate remains unrevoked and unexpired.

5 C. Each licensee hereunder may, upon licensure, obtain a seal,
6 the design and use of which are described in Board rules. It shall
7 be unlawful for a licensee to affix, or permit his or her seal or
8 signature to be affixed, to any document after the expiration or
9 revocation of a license, or for the purpose of aiding or abetting
10 any other person to evade or attempt to evade any provision of
11 Section 475.1 et seq. of this title. Whenever the seal is applied,
12 the document must be signed by the licensee thereby certifying that
13 he or she is competent in the subject matter and was in responsible
14 charge of the work product. Documents must be sealed and signed in
15 accordance with the Board rules whenever presented to a client, a
16 user or any public or governmental agency. Whenever the seal is
17 applied, the signature of the licensee and date of signature shall
18 be placed adjacent to or across the seal. Drawings, reports or
19 documents that are signed using a digital or electronic signature
20 must be done in a manner that is in direct control and personal
21 supervision of the professional engineer or professional land
22 surveyor and must conform to the specifications in the Board rules
23 regarding digital or electronic signatures. A professional
24 engineer, land surveyor or firm shall retain a hard copy or

1 electronic copy of all technical submissions produced for a minimum
2 of ten (10) years following the date of preparation.

3 D. The Board shall issue to any applicant who, in the opinion
4 of the Board, has met the requirements of Section 475.1 et seq. of
5 this title, a certificate as an engineer intern or land surveyor
6 intern which indicates that his or her name has been recorded as
7 such in the Board office. The engineer intern or land surveyor
8 intern certificate does not authorize the holder to practice as a
9 professional engineer or professional land surveyor.

10 E. The Board may issue a reciprocity license as a professional
11 engineer if the applicant has complied with the requirements of
12 another state, territory or province and provides documented
13 evidence of at least five (5) years of related work experience in
14 another state, territory or province.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.
16 Passed the House of Representatives the 7th day of March, 2016.

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19 Presiding Officer of the House
20 of Representatives

21 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2016.

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