

No. 2002-136

AN ACT

HB 2207

Amending the act of May 23, 1945 (P.L.913, No.367), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to and regulating the practice of the profession of engineering, including civil engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, mining engineering and chemical engineering, the profession of land surveying and the profession of geology and constituent parts and combinations thereof as herein defined; providing for the licensing and registration of persons practicing said profession, and the certification of engineers-in-training and surveyors-in-training, and the suspension and revocation of said licenses, registrations and certifications for violation of this act; prescribing the powers and duties of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, the Department of State and the courts; prescribing penalties; and repealing existing laws," further providing for the appointment of licensed geologists to the board and for the procedure for licensing as a professional land surveyor.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 4.1(a) of the act of May 23, 1945 (P.L.913, No.367), known as the Engineer, Land Surveyor and Geologist Registration Law, amended December 16, 1992 (P.L.1151, No.151), is amended to read:

Section 4.1. State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists.—(a) There is hereby established within the Department of State the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists. The board shall consist of the Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs, three members appointed by the Governor who shall be persons representing the public at large and nine members appointed by the Governor, five of whom shall be registered professional engineers, two of whom shall be registered professional land surveyors and two of whom shall be registered professional geologists. Any land surveyor [and geologist] appointed to serve on the board shall have received the [respective] land surveyor license [or geologist license] upon the passage of the appropriate [examinations: **Provided, however, That for the initial board appointments, the two professional geologist members need not be licensed by examination at the time of appointment but must have satisfied the education and experience requirements of this act for licensure as a professional geologist.**] *examination. Any geologist licensed under section 4.4 of this act shall be eligible for appointment to the board.* The professional members of the board shall be so selected that not more than two of them shall specialize in any one of the five major disciplines of engineering: civil, mining and metallurgical, mechanical, electrical and chemical. Each member of the board shall be a citizen of the United States and a resident of this Commonwealth. Each professional member shall have been engaged in

the practice of the respective profession for at least ten years and shall have been in responsible charge of work for at least five years.

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Section 2. Section 4.3(b)(1) of the act, added December 19, 1990 (P.L.782, No.192), is amended and the subsection is amended by adding a clause to read:

Section 4.3. Procedure for Licensing as Professional Land Surveyor.—
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(b) (1) An applicant for the surveyor-in-training certificate shall show satisfactory evidence of:

(i) graduation from an approved civil engineering curriculum of at least four years, including no less than ten credit hours instruction in surveying;

(ii) six or more years of progressive experience in surveying and knowledge, skill and education deemed equivalent, in accordance with board regulation, to graduation from an approved curriculum in land surveying or civil engineering; or

(iii) an associate's degree in an approved surveying technology curriculum.

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(4) An applicant who is a surveying student who has completed two or more years of an approved curriculum may, subject to board approval, sit for the examination, but such student shall not be eligible for certification until that student shows proof of graduation.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 25th day of November, A.D. 2002.

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