

HOUSE BILL NO. 1256

Introduced by

Representatives M. Klein, N. Johnson, Kasper

Senator Espeland

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 43-19.1-02, a new subsection
2 to section 43-19.1-14, a new subsection to section 43-19.1-15, and a new section to chapter
3 43-19.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to definitions, registration of professional
4 engineers, qualifications of engineers in training, and continuing professional education; and to
5 amend and reenact subsections 2 and 3 of section 43-19.1-14 of the North Dakota Century
6 Code, relating to registration of professional engineers.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

8 **SECTION 1.** A new subsection to section 43-19.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code
9 is created and enacted as follows:

10 "Retired registrant" means a duly registered professional engineer or land surveyor
11 who is not engaged in active professional practice and is not required to meet the
12 continuing professional education requirements as prescribed by the board. A
13 retired registrant is issued a certificate of registration indicating "retired" status.

14 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsections 2 and 3 of section 43-19.1-14 of the North
15 Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

16 2. Is a person who has satisfactorily completed a four-year engineering ~~or related~~
17 curriculum not approved by the board, and eight years or more of progressive
18 experience in engineering work of a character and grade which indicates to the
19 board that the applicant is competent to practice engineering, and who ~~passes a~~
20 ~~written examination of not less than eight hours in the fundamentals of engineering~~
21 ~~designed to show knowledge and skill approximating that obtained through~~
22 ~~graduation in an approved four-year engineering or related curriculum~~ holds a valid
23 engineer-in-training certificate.

- 1 3. Is a person with a specific record of at least twenty years of lawful practice in
2 engineering work during at least ten years of which the applicant has been in
3 responsible charge of important engineering work which is of a grade and
4 character which indicates to the board that the applicant is competent to practice
5 engineering, and who holds a valid engineer-in-training certificate as of July 1,
6 2004.

7 **SECTION 3.** A new subsection to section 43-19.1-14 of the North Dakota Century Code
8 is created and enacted as follows:

9 Is a person who has satisfactorily completed a four-year or more
10 engineering-related curriculum and twelve years or more of progressive experience
11 in engineering work of a character and grade which indicates to the board that the
12 applicant is competent to practice engineering and holds a valid
13 engineer-in-training certificate.

14 **SECTION 4.** A new subsection to section 43-19.1-15 of the North Dakota Century Code
15 is created and enacted as follows:

16 An applicant who has satisfactorily completed a four-year engineering-related
17 curriculum and who has a specific record of six or more years of experience in
18 engineering work of a grade and character satisfactory to the board and who
19 passes the board's written examination of not less than eight hours in the
20 fundamentals of engineering.

21 **SECTION 5.** A new section to chapter 43-19.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
22 created and enacted as follows:

23 **Continuing professional education - Rules.** The board shall adopt rules to establish
24 continuing education requirements for professional engineers and land surveyors. Compliance
25 with these rules must be documented at the times, and in the manner, as is required by the
26 board.