

HOUSE BILL NO. 1256  
with Senate Amendments

Fifty-eighth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

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Introduced by

Representatives M. Klein, N. Johnson, Kasper

Senator Espegard

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 43-19.1-02, a new  
2 subsection to section 43-19.1-14, a new subsection to section 43-19.1-15, and a new section to  
3 chapter 43-19.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to definitions, registration of  
4 professional engineers, qualifications of engineers in training, and continuing professional  
5 education; and to amend and reenact subsections 2 and 3 of section 43-19.1-14 of the North  
6 Dakota Century 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  
9 Code 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  
8 Code 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  
11                   experience in engineering work of a character and grade which indicates to the  
12                   board that the 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  
15 Code 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. A professional engineer or land surveyor who is exempt under subsection 5 of section  
27 43-19.1-29 but who has voluntarily registered under this chapter is exempt from the continuing  
28 professional education requirements under this section.