

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1256
(Representatives M. Klein, N. Johnson, Kasper)
(Senator Espeguard)

AN ACT to create and enact a new subsection to section 43-19.1-02, a new subsection to section 43-19.1-14, a new subsection to section 43-19.1-15, and a new section to chapter 43-19.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to definitions, registration of professional engineers, qualifications of engineers in training, and continuing professional education; and to amend and reenact subsections 2 and 3 of section 43-19.1-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to registration of professional engineers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

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

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

2. Is a person who has satisfactorily completed a four-year engineering ~~or related~~ curriculum not approved by the board, and eight years or more of progressive experience in engineering work of a character and grade which indicates to the board that the applicant is competent to practice engineering, and who ~~passes a written examination of not less than eight hours in the fundamentals of engineering designed to show knowledge and skill approximating that obtained through graduation in an approved four-year engineering or related curriculum~~ holds a valid engineer-in-training certificate.
3. Is a person with a specific record of at least twenty years of lawful practice in engineering work during at least ten years of which the applicant has been in responsible charge of important engineering work which is of a grade and character which indicates to the board that the applicant is competent to practice engineering, and who holds a valid engineer-in-training certificate as of July 1, 2004.

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

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

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

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

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

Continuing professional education - Rules. The board shall adopt rules to establish continuing education requirements for professional engineers and land surveyors. Compliance with these rules must be documented at the times, and in the manner, as is required by the board. A professional engineer or land surveyor who is exempt under subsection 5 of section 43-19.1-29 but who has voluntarily registered under this chapter is exempt from the continuing professional education requirements under this section.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1256.

House Vote: Yeas 83 Nays 1 Absent 10

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 1

Chief Clerk of the House

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Governor

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Secretary of State