

AN ACT

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend Chapter 28 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code to repeal provisions governing the licensing of professional engineers; and to amend section 105.3 of Chapter 12A of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to clarify that designs that require architectural work may only be approved by architects licensed by the District and that designs that require engineering work may only be approved by engineers licensed by the District, and to require architects and engineers to attest in writing that they are responsible for the design work and have prepared or directly supervised the design development.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Professional Engineers Licensure and Regulation Clarification Amendment Act of 2016”.

Sec. 2. Chapter 28 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended as follows:

(a) The table of contents is amended by amending part D of subchapter IV to read as follows:

“PART D

“Professional Engineers. [Repealed].

“47-2886.01. Short title. [Repealed].

“47-2886.02. Definitions. [Repealed].

“47-2886.03. Declaration of Policy. [Repealed].

“47-2886.04. Practice of engineering without registration prohibited. [Repealed].

“47-2886.05. [Omitted]. [Repealed].

“47-2886.06. [Omitted]. [Repealed].

“47-2886.07. [Omitted]. [Repealed].

“47-2886.08. District of Columbia Board of Registration for Professional Engineers— Powers. [Repealed].

“47-2886.09. District of Columbia Board of Registration for Professional Engineers— Complaints; hearings; appeals [Repealed].

“47-2886.10. Exemptions from part. [Repealed].

“47-2886.11. Seal of registrant. [Repealed].

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- “47-2886.12. Display of certificate of registration. [Repealed].
  - “47-2886.13. Fees; Professional Engineers’ Fund; expenses of Board; audit. [Repealed].
  - “47-2886.14. Unlawful acts. [Repealed].
  - “47-2886.15. Prosecutions; legal services to Board; investigations; injunctions. [Repealed].
  - “47-2886.16. Annual report. [Repealed].
  - “47-2886.17. Severability. [Repealed].
  - “47-2886.18. Conflicting laws and regulations repealed. [Repealed].”.
- (b) Part D of subchapter IV is repealed.

Sec. 3. Section 105.3 of Chapter 12A of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations is amended as follows:

(a) Paragraph (10) is amended to read as follows:

“105.3.10 Design Professional in Responsible Charge. All design for new construction work, alteration, repair, expansion, addition, or modification work involving the practice of professional architecture shall be prepared only by an architect licensed by the District and work involving the practice of professional engineering shall be prepared only by an engineer licensed by the District. All drawings, computations, and specifications required for a building permit application for such work shall be prepared by or under the direct supervision of a licensed architect or licensed engineer and shall bear the signature and seal of the architect or the engineer.”.

(b) A new subparagraph (3) is added to read as follows:

“105.3.10.3. Attestation. An application for a building permit requiring a stamp from a design professional shall include an attestation by the design professional in responsible charge stating as follows:

“(a) For architects: “I am responsible for determining that the architectural designs included in this application are in compliance with all laws and regulations of the District of Columbia. I have personally prepared, or directly supervised the development of, the architectural designs included in this application.

“(b) For engineers: “I am responsible for determining that the engineering designs included in this application are in compliance with all laws and regulations of the District of Columbia. I have personally prepared, or directly supervised the development of, the engineering designs included in this application.”.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

Sec. 5. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602 (c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02 (c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia

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Mayor  
District of Columbia