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SENATE BILL NO. 158

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ENGINEERS. Provides for the licensure of professional engineers currently licensed in other jurisdictions. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:693(B)(2)(b), relative to professional engineers; to provide for licensure requirements for professional engineers licensed to practice in other jurisdictions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:693(B)(2)(b) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§693. Requirements for licensure as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor, and certification as an engineer intern or land surveyor intern

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B. The minimum requirements for licensure or certification by the board shall be as follows:

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(2) A professional engineer shall be either:

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(b) An individual who holds a valid license to engage in the practice of engineering issued to him by proper authority of a state, territory, or possession of

1 the United States, or the District of Columbia, based on requirements that do not
 2 conflict with the provisions of this Chapter ~~and~~ or which were of a standard not
 3 lower than that specified in the applicable licensure laws in effect in Louisiana at the
 4 time such license was issued, who is of good character and reputation, and who has
 5 satisfied the requirements of R.S. 37:694, ~~and~~ or if the state, territory, or possession,
 6 or the District of Columbia, in which he is licensed will accept the license issued by
 7 the board on a reciprocal basis.

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9 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 10 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 11 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 12 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 13 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michelle Ducharme.

DIGEST

Martiny (SB 158)

Present law authorizes the La. Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board ("board") to license a person if the individual holds a valid license to engage in the practice of engineering issued to him by proper authority of a state, territory, or possession of the U.S., or the District of Columbia, based on requirements that do not conflict with the provisions of present law and which were of a standard not lower than that specified in the applicable licensure laws in effect in La. at the time such license was issued, is of good character and reputation, and has filed the required application and paid the required application fee, and if the state, territory, or possession, or the District of Columbia, in which he is licensed will accept the license issued by the board on a reciprocal basis.

Proposed law changes present law by not requiring all the conditions but authorizes the board to license a person if the individual holds a valid license to engage in the practice of engineering issued to him by proper authority of a state, territory, or possession of the U.S., or the District of Columbia, based on requirements that do not conflict with the provisions of present law, or which were of a standard not lower than that specified in the applicable licensure laws in effect in La. at the time such license was issued, is of good character and reputation, and has filed the required application and paid the required application fee, or if the state, territory, or possession, or the District of Columbia, in which he is licensed will accept the license issued by the board on a reciprocal basis.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 37:693(B)(2)(b))