

SENATE BILL 2691

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62,
Chapter 2, Part 4, relative to engineers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-2-401(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(1) Graduation from Approved Engineering Curriculum, Experience and Examination. A graduate of an engineering curriculum of four (4) years or more, approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing, and with a specific record of four (4) years or more of progressive experience on engineering projects of a grade and character which indicates to the board that the applicant may be competent to practice engineering, and who has obtained certification as an engineer intern, shall be admitted to a minimum eight-hour written examination, prepared by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying, in the principles and practice of engineering. . A graduate of an engineering technology curriculum of four (4) years or more, approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing, and with a specific record six (6) years or more of progressive experience on engineering projects of a grade and character which indicates to the board that the applicant may be competent to practice engineering, and who has obtained certification as an engineer intern, shall be admitted to a minimum eight-hour written examination, prepared by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying, in the principles and practice of engineering. Upon passing such examination, the applicant shall be granted a certificate of registration to practice engineering in this state, provided the applicant is otherwise qualified;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-2-401(a)(3), is amended by deleting subdivision (A) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(A) Holder of Master's Degree in Engineering, Experience and Examination. A person who holds a master's degree in engineering from an institution with an engineering program approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing, and with a specific record of four (4) years or more of progressive experience on engineering projects of a grade and character that indicates to the board that the applicant may be competent to practice engineering, and who has obtained certification as an engineer intern, shall be admitted to a minimum eight-hour written examination, prepared by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying, in the principles and practice of engineering. A person who holds a master's degree in engineering technology from an institution with an engineering program approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing, and with a specific record of six (6) years or more of progressive experience on engineering projects of a grade and character that indicates to the board that the applicant may be competent to practice engineering, and who has obtained certification as an engineer intern, shall be admitted to a minimum eight-hour written examination, prepared by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying, in the principles and practice of engineering. Upon passing the examination, the applicant shall be granted a certificate of registration to practice engineering in this state, provided the applicant is otherwise qualified.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to all persons who have obtained a degree in engineering technology, either prior to or after the effective date of this act.