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HOUSE BILL 18

55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSURE; AMENDING THE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR
LICENSURE AS A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 61-23-14.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,
Chapter 218, Section 12, as amended) is amended to read:

"61-23-14.1. LICENSURE AS A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER--
REQUIREMENTS.--

A. Licensure as a professional engineer may be
either through examination or through endorsement or comity.
In either case, an applicant shall file the appropriate
application in which it shall be demonstrated that the
applicant:

(1) is of good moral character and reputation;

and

1 (2) has five references, three of whom shall
2 be licensees practicing in the branch of engineering for which
3 the applicant is applying and who have personal knowledge of
4 the applicant's engineering experience and reputation. The use
5 of non-licensed engineer references having personal knowledge
6 of the applicant's engineering experience and reputation may be
7 accepted by the board; provided that a satisfactory written
8 explanation is given.

9 B. An applicant may be licensed through examination
10 if the applicant can demonstrate the following:

11 (1) the applicant is certified as an engineer
12 intern and has at least one of the following:

13 (a) received a bachelor's degree in an
14 engineering discipline recognized by the board from a program
15 accredited by the engineering accreditation commission or a
16 program that fulfills the required content of the engineering
17 education standard as defined by the national council of
18 examiners for engineering and surveying and has at least four
19 years of engineering experience subsequent to receiving the
20 degree;

21 (b) received a bachelor's degree in an
22 engineering discipline recognized by the board from a foreign
23 educational institution where the program that was completed
24 fulfills the required content of the engineering education
25 standard as defined by the national council of examiners for

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1 engineering and surveying and has at least four years of
2 engineering experience in the United States subsequent to
3 receiving the degree;

4 (c) received a master's degree in an
5 engineering discipline recognized by the board from a program
6 accredited by the engineering accreditation commission or an
7 institution that offers programs accredited by the engineering
8 accreditation commission or that fulfills the required content
9 of the engineering education standard as defined by the
10 national council of examiners for engineering and surveying and
11 has at least three years of engineering experience subsequent
12 to receiving ~~[the degree]~~ a bachelor's degree in an engineering
13 discipline recognized by the board from a program accredited by
14 the engineering accreditation commission or an institution that
15 offers programs accredited by the engineering accreditation
16 commission or that fulfills the required content of the
17 engineering education standard as defined by the national
18 council of examiners for engineering and surveying;

19 (d) received a master's degree in an
20 engineering discipline recognized by the board from a foreign
21 educational institution where the program that was completed
22 fulfills through evaluation the required curricular content and
23 educational standards as defined by the national council of
24 examiners for engineering and surveying and has at least three
25 years of engineering experience in the United States subsequent

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1 to receiving ~~[the degree]~~ a bachelor's degree in an engineering
2 discipline recognized by the board from a program accredited by
3 the engineering accreditation commission or an institution that
4 offers programs accredited by the engineering accreditation
5 commission or that fulfills the required content of the
6 engineering education standard as defined by the national
7 council of examiners for engineering and surveying;

8 (e) received a doctorate degree in an
9 engineering discipline recognized by the board from a board-
10 approved engineering curriculum and has at least two years of
11 engineering experience subsequent to receiving ~~[the degree]~~ a
12 bachelor's degree in an engineering discipline recognized by
13 the board from a program accredited by the engineering
14 accreditation commission or an institution that offers programs
15 accredited by the engineering accreditation commission or that
16 fulfills the required content of the engineering education
17 standard as defined by the national council of examiners for
18 engineering and surveying; or

19 (f) at least six years of board-approved
20 engineering experience after graduation from a school offering
21 a board-approved, four-year engineering technology curriculum
22 accredited by the technology accreditation commission of the
23 accreditation board for engineering and technology, including
24 the two years for engineer intern certification; or

25 (2) the applicant is not certified as an

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1 engineer intern and has at least one of the following:

2 (a) received a bachelor's degree in an
3 engineering discipline recognized by the board from a program
4 accredited by the engineering accreditation commission or a
5 program that fulfills the required content of the engineering
6 education standard as defined by the national council of
7 examiners for engineering and surveying and has twelve years of
8 engineering experience subsequent to receiving the degree;

9 (b) received a master's degree in an
10 engineering discipline recognized by the board from a program
11 accredited by the engineering accreditation commission or an
12 institution that offers programs accredited by the engineering
13 accreditation commission or that fulfills the required content
14 of the engineering education standard as defined by the
15 national council of examiners for engineering and surveying and
16 has at least six years of engineering experience subsequent to
17 receiving the degree; or

18 (c) received a doctorate degree in an
19 engineering discipline recognized by the board from a board-
20 approved engineering curriculum and has at least four years of
21 engineering experience subsequent to receiving the degree.

22 C. Upon successfully completing the examination,
23 required experience and all the requirements as noted in this
24 section, the applicant shall be eligible to be licensed as a
25 professional engineer upon action of the board.

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1 D. An applicant may be licensed by endorsement or
2 comity if the applicant:

3 (1) is currently licensed as an engineer in
4 the District of Columbia, another state, a territory or a
5 possession of the United States; provided that the licensure
6 does not conflict with the provisions of the Engineering and
7 Surveying Practice Act and that the standards required by the
8 licensure or the applicant's qualifications equaled or exceeded
9 the licensure standards in New Mexico at the time the applicant
10 was initially licensed;

11 (2) is currently licensed as an engineer in a
12 foreign country and can demonstrate, to the board's
13 satisfaction, evidence that the licensure was based on
14 standards that equal or exceed those currently required for
15 licensure by the Engineering and Surveying Practice Act and can
16 satisfactorily demonstrate to the board competence in current
17 engineering standards and procedures; or

18 (3) is currently licensed as an engineer in
19 the District of Columbia, another state, a territory or a
20 possession of the United States; provided that the applicant:

21 (a) has been actively licensed for the
22 contiguous ten years immediately preceding application to
23 New Mexico;

24 (b) has not received any form of
25 disciplinary action related to the practice of engineering or

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1 professional conduct from any jurisdiction within the five
2 years preceding application to New Mexico; and

3 (c) has not had the applicant's
4 professional license suspended or revoked at any time from any
5 jurisdiction."