AMENDING SECTION 61-23-22 NMSA 1978 (BEING LAWS 1993, CHAPTER 218, SECTION 17) TO CHANGE ENGINEERING EXEMPTIONS FROM REQUIREMENTS OF THE ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING PRACTICE ACT.

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

Section 1. Section 61-23-22 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 218, Section 17) is amended to read:

"61-23-22. ENGI NEERI NG--EXEMPTI ONS. --

A New Mexico licensed architect who has complied with all of the laws of New Mexico relating to the practice of architecture has the right to engage in the incidental practice, as defined by regulation, of activities properly classified as engineering; provided that the architect shall not hold himself out to be an engineer or as performing engineering services; and further provided that the architect shall perform only that part of the work for which he is professionally qualified and shall utilize qualified professional engineers or others for those portions of the work in which the contracting architect is not Furthermore, the architect shall assume all qual i fi ed. responsibility for compliance with all laws, codes, regulations and ordinances of the state or its political subdivisions pertaining to all documents bearing his professional seal.

B. An engineer employed by a firm, association or corporation who performs only the engineering services involved in the operation of the employer's business shall be exempt from the provisions of the Engineering and Surveying Practice Act, provided that neither the employee nor the employer offers engineering services to the public."