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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA GEOLOGISTS LICENSING ACT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 89E-4(h) reads as rewritten:

"(h) The Board may ~~employ, subject to the provisions of Chapter 126 of the General Statutes,~~ employ the necessary personnel for performance of its functions, and fix their compensation within the limits of funds available to the Board."

Sec. 2. G.S. 89E-5(e) reads as rewritten:

"(e) The Board may authorize expenditures deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of this Chapter ~~from the fees which it collects, but in no event shall expenditures exceed the revenues of the Board during any fiscal year.~~ and all expenses shall be paid upon the warrant of the Board treasurer. The Board treasurer shall deposit funds received by the Board in one or more funds in banks or other financial institutions carrying deposit insurance and authorized to do business in North Carolina. In no event may expenditures exceed the revenues of the Board during any fiscal year. The provisions of the Executive Budget Act do not apply to the administration of this Chapter. The Board is authorized and empowered to utilize the services of the Purchase and Contract Division of the Department of Administration for the procurement of personal property, in accordance with Article 3 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes."

Sec. 3. G.S. 89E-9 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 89E-9. Minimum qualifications.**

An applicant shall be eligible for a license as a geologist in North Carolina provided that each applicant meets the following minimum qualifications:

- 1 (1) Be of good moral and ethical character.
- 2 (2) Have graduated from an accredited college or university, and have a  
3 degree with a major in geology, engineering geology or geological  
4 engineering or related geologic science; or have completed 30  
5 semester hours or the equivalent in geological science courses leading  
6 to a major in geology, of which at least 24 hours of the equivalent were  
7 upper level undergraduate courses or graduate courses. The Board  
8 shall waive the academic requirements for a person already practicing  
9 geology at the time this Chapter is enacted, provided application for  
10 license is made not later than one year after appointment of the initial  
11 Board and provided further that the applicant can provide evidence to  
12 satisfy the Board that he or she is competent to engage in the public  
13 practice of geology.
- 14 (3) Successfully pass such examination established by the Board which  
15 shall be designed to demonstrate that the applicant has the necessary  
16 knowledge and requisite skill to exercise the responsibilities of the  
17 public practice of geology. The Board shall waive the examination for  
18 licensing as a geologist of an applicant who makes written application  
19 to the Board not later than one year after appointment of the initial  
20 Board, and who otherwise meets the qualification of this Chapter.
- 21 (4) Have at least five years of professional geological work which shall  
22 include a minimum of three years of professional geological work  
23 under the supervision of a licensed geologist; or a minimum of three  
24 cumulative years work in responsible charge of geological work  
25 satisfactory to the Board. The following criteria of education and  
26 experience qualify as specified toward accumulation of the required  
27 five years of professional geological work:
  - 28 a. Each full year of undergraduate study in the geological sciences  
29 shall count as one-half year of training up to a maximum of two  
30 years, and each year of graduate study shall count as one year of  
31 work.
  - 32 b. Credit for undergraduate study, graduate study, graduate  
33 courses, individually or in any combination thereof, shall in no  
34 case exceed a total of four years toward meeting the  
35 requirements for at least five years of professional geological  
36 work as set forth above.
  - 37 c. The Board may consider in lieu of the above professional  
38 geological work the cumulative total of professional geological  
39 work or geological research of persons teaching upper level  
40 geology courses at the college or university level, provided such  
41 work or research can be demonstrated to be of a sufficiently  
42 responsible nature to be equivalent to the professional  
43 requirements set forth in this section.

1                   d.    The ability of the applicant shall have been demonstrated by his  
2                            having performed the work in a responsible position as  
3                            determined by the Board. The adequacy of the required  
4                            supervision and the experience shall be determined by the  
5                            Board in accordance with the standards set forth in regulations  
6                            adopted by it."

7                   Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification and shall apply to applications  
8 for licensure submitted on or after that date.