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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE TITLE PROTECTION FOR THE SAFETY PROFESSION.  
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 Section 1. Chapter 90 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
5 Article to read:

6 **"ARTICLE 37.**  
7 **"SAFETY PROFESSION.**

8 **"§ 90-646. Definitions.**

9 The following definitions apply in this Article:

10 (1) Associate Safety Professional (ASP). – A person who has met the  
11 education, experience, and examination requirements established by the  
12 Board of Certified Safety Professionals for an Associate Safety  
13 Professional.

14 (2) Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP). – A nonprofit  
15 corporation, incorporated in Illinois in 1969, established to improve the  
16 practice and educational standards of the profession of safety by  
17 certifying individuals who meet its education, experience, examination,  
18 and maintenance requirements.

- 1           (3) Certified Safety Professional (CSP). – A person who has met the  
2           education, experience, and examination requirements established by the  
3           Board of Certified Safety Professionals for a Certified Safety  
4           Professional.

5 **"§ 90-647. Unlawful acts; injunctive relief; exclusion.**

6           (a) No person shall represent himself or herself as a Certified Safety Professional  
7           or Associate Safety Professional unless that person is certified by the Board of Certified  
8           Safety Professionals and has duly authorized the Board to file with the office of the  
9           Secretary of State all information required by G.S. 90-649.

10          (b) A violation of this section constitutes an unfair trade practice under G.S. 75-1.1  
11          and a court may impose a civil penalty against the defendant and shall be empowered to  
12          issue a restraining order to prevent further use of the title.

13 **"§ 90-648. Exemptions and limitations.**

14          (a) This Article does not apply to:

15           (1) A person who holds a license issued by a State board, commission, or  
16           other agency, is engaged in activities authorized by his or her license,  
17           and does not represent himself or herself as an Associate Safety  
18           Professional or Certified Safety Professional.

19           (2) A person who practices within the scope of safety, injury, or illness  
20           prevention and does not use the title 'Associate Safety Professional' or  
21           'Certified Safety Professional', the initials, 'ASP' or 'CSP', or otherwise  
22           represents himself or herself to the public as an Associate Safety  
23           Professional or Certified Safety Professional.

24           (3) A person who is licensed as an architect under Chapter 83A of the  
25           General Statutes or any person working under the supervision of a  
26           licensed architect.

27           (4) A person who is licensed as a professional engineer under Chapter 89C  
28           of the General Statutes, or any person working under the supervision of  
29           a licensed professional engineer.

30          (b) Nothing in this Article shall permit the practice of engineering by persons who  
31          are not licensed under Chapter 89C of the General Statutes.

32 **"§ 90-649. Certification registry.**

33          The Board shall file with the Secretary of State the name, address, telephone number,  
34          and date of certification for all Associate Safety Professionals and Certified Safety  
35          Professionals. The Board shall remit a filing fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) to the  
36          Secretary of State with each certification filed. All fees paid to the Department shall be  
37          used to pay the costs incurred in administering and enforcing this Article. The Board  
38          may require this filing fee to be paid by the person whose certification is being filed. The  
39          Board shall promptly notify the Secretary of State when a person's certification is  
40          revoked or no longer in effect.

41          The Secretary of State shall maintain a registry of all current Associate Safety  
42          Professionals and Certified Safety Professionals as furnished by the Board."

1                   Section 2. This act becomes effective January 1, 2000, and applies to acts  
2 committed on or after that date.