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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 587

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to professional geologists; and provid-
7 ing for an effective date."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 08.01.010 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

10 (22) regulation of professional geologists.

11 * Sec. 2. AS 08 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

12 CHAPTER 53. PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS.

13 Sec. 08.53.010. PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST. A person may not use the
14 term "professional geologist" on plans, specifications, plats, reports,
15 or other documents unless the person is certified as a professional
16 geologist under this chapter.

17 Sec. 08.53.020. REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION AS A PROFESSIONAL
18 GEOLOGIST. (a) A person applying to the commissioner for certification
19 as a professional geologist must

20 (1) have graduated from a college or university accredited by
21 the accreditation association for the region in which the college or
22 university is located with not less than 30 semester hours of courses in
23 the geological sciences, at least 24 semester hours of which were upper
24 division or graduate level courses; and

25 (2) have seven years of experience in geological work, three
26 of which were under the supervision of a professional geologist.

27 (b) The commissioner shall evaluate experience in geological work
28 by recognizing

29 (1) each year of undergraduate study in the geological

1 sciences as one-half year of geological work up to a maximum of two
2 years;

3 (2) each year of graduate study or research in the geological
4 sciences as one year of geological work;

5 (3) each year of teaching in the geological sciences at an
6 upper division undergraduate or graduate level in a college or university
7 accredited by the accreditation association for the region in which the
8 college or university is located as one year of geological work if the
9 teaching experience amounts to no less than six semester hours each
10 semester.

11 (c) Undergraduate study, graduate study, and teaching experience
12 may not be recognized for more than four of the years required under
13 (a)(2) of this section.

14 (d) An applicant who meets the requirements for certification
15 under this section shall be issued a certificate as a professional
16 geologist.

17 Sec. 08.53.030. PROHIBITED ACTS. A person may not sign, stamp, or
18 seal plans, specifications, plats, reports, or other documents as a
19 professional geologist or with the title of professional geologist
20 unless he has received a certificate under this chapter or has been
21 certified as a professional geologist by the American Institute of
22 Professional Geologists. A person who violates the provisions of this
23 section is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

24 Sec. 08.53.040. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

25 (1) "commissioner" means the commissioner of commerce and
26 economic development;

27 (2) "geology" means that science which is based on investi-
28 gation of the crust of the earth and the rocks and other materials of
29 which it is composed and which utilizes knowledge of the earth and its

1 constituent rocks, minerals, liquids, gases, and other materials;

2 (3) "professional geologist" means a person issued a certi-
3 ficate under this chapter or a person certified as a professional geolo-
4 gist by the American Institute of Professional Geologists.

5 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1980.

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