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To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 338

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-13-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS
3 REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 SECTION 1. Section 73-13-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 73-13-23. (1) (a) The following shall be considered as
9 minimum evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is
10 qualified for registration as a professional engineer:

11 (i) Graduation in an engineering curriculum of
12 four (4) years or more from a school or college approved by the
13 board as of satisfactory standing or graduation in an engineering,
14 engineering technology, or related science curriculum of four (4)
15 scholastic years from a school or college other than those
16 approved by the board plus a graduate degree in an engineering
17 curriculum from a school or college wherein the same engineering
18 curriculum at the undergraduate level is approved by the board as
19 of satisfactory standing; a specific record of four (4) years of
20 qualifying engineering experience indicating that the applicant is
21 competent to practice engineering (in counting years of
22 experience, the board at its discretion may give credit not in

23 excess of three (3) years for satisfactory graduate study in
24 engineering), and the successful passing of examinations in
25 engineering as prescribed by the board; or

26 (ii) A specific record of eight (8) years or more
27 of qualifying engineering experience subsequent to graduation from
28 high school, indicating that the applicant is competent to
29 practice engineering; and successfully passing examinations
30 designed to show knowledge and skill approximating that attained
31 through graduation in an approved four-year engineering
32 curriculum, and to show competence in the use of such knowledge
33 and skills in the practice of engineering. This subsection
34 (1)(a)(ii) shall stand repealed from and after January 1, 2001.

35 (b) In considering the qualifications of applicants,
36 engineering teaching may be construed as engineering experience.

37 (c) The satisfactory completion of each year of an
38 approved curriculum in engineering in a school or college approved
39 by the board as of satisfactory standing, without graduation,
40 shall be considered as equivalent to a year of experience in
41 subsection (1)(a)(ii) of this section. Graduation in a curriculum
42 other than engineering from a college or university of recognized
43 standing may be considered as equivalent to two (2) years of
44 experience under subsection (1)(a)(ii); however, no applicant
45 shall receive credit for more than four (4) years of experience
46 because of undergraduate educational qualifications. This
47 subsection (1)(c) shall stand repealed from and after January 1,
48 2001.

49 (d) The mere execution, as a contractor, of work
50 designed by a professional engineer, or the supervision of the
51 construction of such work as a foreman or superintendent shall not
52 be deemed to be the practice of engineering.

53 (e) Any person having the necessary qualifications

54 prescribed in Sections 73-13-1 through 73-13-45 to entitle him to
55 registration shall be eligible for such registration although he
56 may not be practicing his profession at the time of making his
57 application.

58 (f) No person shall be eligible for registration as a
59 professional engineer who is not of good character and reputation
60 or who presents claims in support of his application which contain
61 major discrepancies.

62 (2) The following shall be considered as minimum evidence
63 satisfactory to the board that the applicant is qualified for
64 enrollment as an engineer intern:

65 (a) Graduation in an engineering curriculum of four (4)
66 scholastic years or more from a school or college approved by the
67 board as of satisfactory standing or graduation in an engineering,
68 engineering technology, or related science curriculum of four (4)
69 scholastic years from a school or college other than those
70 approved by the board plus a graduate degree in an engineering
71 curriculum from a school or college wherein that same engineering
72 curriculum at the undergraduate level is approved by the board as
73 of satisfactory standing; and

74 (b) Successfully passing a written examination in the
75 fundamental engineering subjects.

76 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
77 and after its passage.