

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1986

AN ACT

To change the composition of the Board of Professional Licensing to include members of the professional fields, to correct certain date contained in 4 CMC, Division 3, Chapter 1 in order to make the implementation of that law feasible, to repeal and reenact 4 CMC, Division 3, Chapter 1, Sections 3101 and 3216 (11), and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE FIFTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 Section 1. Short Title. This Act may be cited as the "Board
2 of Professional Licensing Act of 1987."

3 Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to change the
4 composition of the Board of Professional Licensing to include members
5 of the professional fields such as an architect, engineer, surveyor,
6 plumber, electrician, carpenter, ship's officer, barber, beautician
7 and other professions or trades which are not exempted by Section
8 3107 of 4 CMC, Division 3, Chapter 1. It is also the intent of the
9 Legislature to correct certain date contained in Section 4 of this
10 statute in order to make the implementation of the law feasible.
11 The bill will grandfather local architects who applied for
12 registration before December 31, 1986.

13 Section 3. Repeal and Reenactment. 4 CMC, Division 3, Chapter
14 1, Section 3101 is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

15 "3101. Board of Professional Licensing. There is
16 in the Commonwealth Government a Board of Professional
17 Licensing, a regulatory board, composed of seven members

1 appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of
2 the Senate. One member shall be from Tinian, two members
3 shall be from Rota and four members shall be from Saipan.
4 Of the seven members, at least one member shall be a woman
5 and three members shall be from the professional fields as
6 set forth in Section 3105 of this Chapter."

7 Section 4. Repeal and Reenactment. 4 CMC, Division 3, Chapter 1
8 Section 3216 (11) is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

9 "3216 (11). Such person meets all of the
10 qualifications for registration as a Professional
11 Engineer, Architect, or Landscape Architect under any of
12 subsections (1) through (7) of this Section, other than
13 the passage of an examination prescribed by the Board;
14 and has been a domiciliary of and practiced such
15 profession in the Commonwealth for at least four years
16 up to and including December 31, 1985; and who applies
17 for registration under this Act by December 31, 1986.

19 (b) In addition to the foregoing requirements, the
20 Board, may, in its discretion, require additional proof
21 that the applicant is competent to practice professionally,
22 and whenever the Board is not fully satisfied from the
23 results of an examination that an applicant is competent
24 to practice professionally, it may give the applicant a
25 further examination or examinations.

1 (c) Except as provided in the Commonwealth
2 Constitution, Schedule on Transitional Matters, no
3 person shall be eligible for registration as a
4 professional engineer, architect, land surveyor or
5 landscape architect who is not of good character and
6 reputation. Notwithstanding any other provision of
7 this Section 3216, no person shall be eligible for
8 registration as an engineer under the provisions of
9 subsection (2) or (3) of this Section unless such
10 person shall first have passed a written or oral
11 examination, or both, prescribed by the Board and
12 designed to test such person's knowledge, skill, and
13 competency in engineering fundamentals.

14 (d) No person shall be eligible for registration
15 as a structural engineer unless such person shall first
16 have been registered as a civil engineer.

17 (e) The Board shall by regulation provide for the
18 registration and certification of engineers in training
19 and land surveyors in training."

20 Section 5. Severability. If any provision of this Act, or the
21 application of any such provision to any person or circumstance, shall
22 be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of
23 this Act, or the application of such provision to persons or
24 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid, shall not
25 be affected thereby.

1 Section 6. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its
2 approval by the Governor, or upon its becoming law without such
3 approval.

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