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Introduced by M. of A. McDONALD, BURDICK, SANTABARBARA, JENSEN, BRABENEC
-- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. LEVENBERG -- read once and referred
to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the practice of
professional geology

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 7209 of the education law, as
2 amended by chapter 62 of the laws of 1989, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4 6. It shall be lawful for a corporation organized and existing under
5 the laws of the state of New York which on the fifteenth day of April,
6 nineteen hundred thirty-five and continuously thereafter, was lawfully
7 practicing engineering or land surveying in New York state, to continue
8 such practice provided that the chief executive officer shall be a
9 professional engineer licensed under this article, if practicing engi-
10 neering, or a land surveyor licensed under this article, if practicing
11 land surveying, and provided further that the person or persons carrying
12 on the actual practice of engineering or surveying on behalf of, or
13 designated as "engineer" or "surveyor", with or without qualifying or
14 characterizing word, by such corporation shall be authorized to practice
15 engineering or land surveying as provided in this article. Such corpo-
16 ration shall also be authorized to practice geology so long as such
17 corporation has at least one officer or director licensed as a profes-
18 sional geologist. It shall be lawful for a corporation which, on account
19 of or as a result of requirements, restrictions or provisions of federal
20 law, was organized subsequent to April fifteenth, nineteen hundred thir-
21 ty-five for the purpose of taking over an existing engineering organiza-
22 tion established prior to such time and which has taken over such organ-
23 ization and continued its engineering activities, provided that the
24 chief executive officer of such corporation shall be a professional

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 engineer licensed under this article and provided further, that the
2 person or persons carrying on the actual practice of engineering on
3 behalf of, or designated as "engineer", with or without qualifying or
4 characterizing word, by such corporation, shall be authorized to prac-
5 tice engineering as provided in this article. No such corporation shall
6 change its name or sell its franchise or transfer its corporate rights,
7 directly or indirectly to any person, firm or corporation without the
8 consent of the department. Each such corporation shall obtain a trienni-
9 al registration on payment of a fee of fifty dollars.

10 § 2. Subdivisions 2 and 3 of section 7210 of the education law, as
11 amended by chapter 483 of the laws of 2001, are amended to read as
12 follows:

13 2. Upon application a certificate of authorization shall be issued by
14 the department to all individuals, corporations, limited liability
15 companies, limited liability partnerships, partnerships and joint enter-
16 prises specified in subdivision one of this section and which are
17 authorized to provide professional engineering [~~or~~], land surveying or
18 professional geology services and pay the appropriate fee.

19 3. A "certificate of authorization" shall authorize such individual,
20 corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership,
21 partnership or joint enterprise to provide professional engineering
22 [~~or~~], land surveying or professional geology services for three years
23 from the date of issuance subject to, as otherwise prescribed by law,
24 the supervision of the regents of the university of the state of New
25 York including the power to discipline and impose penalties in the same
26 manner and to the same extent as is provided with respect to individuals
27 and their licenses and registration pursuant to this title.

28 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.