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I N A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by M. of A. GLICK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the requirements for a license as a professional engineer; and to repeal certain provisions of such law relating thereto

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Paragraphs 2 and 8 of subdivision 1 of section 7206 of the education law, paragraph 2 as added by chapter 987 of the laws of 1971 and paragraph 8 as amended by chapter 62 of the laws of 1989, are amended to read as follows:

(2) Education: have received an education, including a bachelor's or higher degree based on a program in engineering OR THE SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENT, in accordance with the commissioner's regulations;

(8) Fees: pay a fee [of two hundred twenty dollars to the department for admission to a department conducted examination and for an initial license, a fee of one hundred fifteen dollars for each reexamination, a fee] of one hundred thirty-five dollars for an initial license [for persons not requiring admission to a department conducted examination,] and a fee of two hundred ten dollars for each triennial registration period.

S 2. Subdivision 2 of section 7206 of the education law is REPEALED and subdivisions 3 and 4 are renumbered subdivisions 2 and 3.

S 3. Subdivision 2 of section 7206 of the education law, as amended by chapter 62 of the laws of 1989 and as renumbered by section two of this act, is amended to read as follows:

2. For an identification card as an ["intern engineer"] "ENGINEER IN TRAINING", an applicant shall fulfill the requirements of PARAGRAPHS ONE, TWO, FOUR AND SEVEN OF subdivision one of this section[, except those in subparagraphs (3) and (5), provided that admission to the examination may be given when the applicant is within twenty credits of the completion of the requirements for the bachelor's or higher degree as prescribed in subparagraph (2) of subdivision one, or has completed the practical experience requirement of subdivision two of this section.]

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

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The fee for examination and identification card as an ["intern engineer" shall be seventy dollars and the fee for each reexamination] "ENGINEER IN TRAINING" shall be seventy dollars.

S 4. Subdivision 3 of section 7206 of the education law, as added by chapter 987 of the laws of 1971 and as renumbered by section two of this act, is amended to read as follows:

3. On recommendation of the board, the department may waive specific requirements, except as to age, character[, education] and citizenship, in the case of applicants who are possessed of established and recognized standing in the engineering profession and who have practiced lawfully for more than fifteen years.

S 5. Section 7206 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 4 to read as follows:

4. APPLICANTS WHO FILE WITH THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN TWO YEARS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBDIVISION AN APPLICATION AND FEE REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPHS ONE AND EIGHT OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION AND WHO, AT SUCH TIME OR ANYTIME THEREAFTER, DEMONSTRATE TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE DEPARTMENT THAT THEY HAVE TWELVE YEARS OF PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN WORK SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD MAY SUBSTITUTE SUCH EXPERIENCE FOR THE DEGREE AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPHS TWO AND THREE OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION, PROVIDED THAT EACH FULL YEAR OF STUDY IN ENGINEERING SATISFACTORY TO THE DEPARTMENT MAY AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD BE ACCEPTED IN LIEU OF UP TO TWO YEARS OF THE REQUIRED TWELVE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE.

S 6. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law and shall apply to applications for licensure as a professional engineer received on or after such effective date; provided however, that the commissioner of education may immediately undertake all actions necessary to implement this act on such effective date including but not limited to the adoption of implementing regulations.