STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 30, 2021

Introduced by Sens. STAVISKY, SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed 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 Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 7209 of the education law, as amended by chapter 62 of the laws of 1989, is amended to read as follows:

6. It shall be lawful for a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of New York which on the fifteenth day of April, nineteen hundred thirty-five and continuously thereafter, was lawfully practicing engineering or land surveying in New York state, to continue such practice provided that the chief executive officer shall be a professional engineer licensed under this article, if practicing engineering, or a land surveyor licensed under this article, if practicing land surveying, and provided further that the person or persons carrying on the actual practice of engineering or surveying on behalf of, or designated as "engineer" or "surveyor", with or without qualifying or characterizing word, by such corporation shall be authorized to practice engineering or land surveying as provided in this article. **The practice of engineering may encompass services that can also be considered to be the practice of geology and a corporation organized pursuant to this subdivision shall be permitted to obtain a certificate of authority to practice geology so long as such corporation has one officer or employee in responsible charge licensed as a professional geologist.** It shall be lawful for a corporation which, on account of or as a result of requirements, restrictions or provisions of federal law, was organized subsequent to April fifteenth, nineteen hundred thirty-five for the purpose of taking over an existing engineering organization established prior to such time and which has taken over such organization and continued its

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

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engineering activities, provided that the chief executive officer of such corporation shall be a professional engineer licensed under this article and provided further, that the person or persons carrying on the actual practice of engineering on behalf of, or designated as "engineer", with or without qualifying or characterizing word, by such corporation, shall be authorized to practice engineering as provided in this article. No such corporation shall change its name or sell its franchise or transfer its corporate rights, directly or indirectly to any person, firm or corporation without the consent of the department. Each such corporation shall obtain a triennial registration on payment of a fee of fifty dollars.

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

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

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

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.