STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

April 26, 2024

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the licensure of a professional geologist; and to repeal subdivision 2 of section 7206-b of the education law relating thereto

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 7206-b of the education law is REPEALED and subdivisions 3 and 4 are renumbered subdivisions 2 and 3 and a new subdivision 4 is added to read as follows: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 (a) and (g) 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 (b) and (c) of subdivision one of this section; provided, however, that each full year of study in geology deemed 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.

§ 2. Subdivision 2 of section 7206-b of the education law, as added by chapter 475 of the laws of 2014 and as renumbered by section one of this act, is amended to read as follows:

2. For an identification card as [~~an "intern geologist"~~] **a "geologist in training"**, an applicant shall fulfill the requirements of subdivision one of this section, except those in paragraphs (c) and (e) of such subdivision, provided that admission to the examination may be given when the applicant is within twenty credits of the completion of the requirements of the bachelor's degree or higher as prescribed in paragraph (b) of subdivision one of this section[~~, or has completed the practical experience requirement of subdivision two of this section~~]. The fee for the examination and identification card as [~~an "intern geol-~~

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

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~~ogist"~~] **a "geologist in training"** shall be seventy dollars and the fee for each reexamination shall be seventy dollars.

§ 3. 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 geologist on or after such effective date. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.