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AN ACT concerning professional regulation.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Professional Engineering Practice Act of
 1989 is amended by adding Section 17.6 as follows:
- 6 (225 ILCS 325/17.6 new)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2010)
8 <u>Sec. 17.6. Emeritus status requirements.</u>

(a) An Illinois licensee who has been licensed for at 9 least 10 consecutive years, is 65 years of age or older, and 10 is retired from active practice may request emeritus status 11 12 by filing the request on forms prescribed by the Department. 13 If the requirements of this Section have been met, all fees for biennial licensure shall be waived by the Department 14 during the period the professional engineer is in emeritus 15 status. An engineer with emeritus status may maintain the 16 17 title "professional engineer".

18 (b) An emeritus professional engineer may be readmitted 19 to active practice within 3 years of acquiring emeritus 20 status upon payment of the current renewal fee.

(c) An emeritus professional engineer who has held 21 emeritus status in excess of 3 consecutive years may be 22 23 readmitted to active practice only after filing an application on forms supplied by the Department, payment of 24 the applicable fees, and completion of the current 25 26 examination in the principles and practice of engineering or by appearing before the Board to satisfactorily demonstrate 27 28 his or her qualifications to resume active practice.

29 (d) An emeritus professional engineer seeking
 30 readmission to active practice shall be required to meet
 31 continuing education requirements, as provided by Section

1 <u>17.5 of this Act.</u>

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon3 becoming law.