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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

| 225 ILCS 305/4 | from Ch. 111, par. 1304 |
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| 225 ILCS 305/8 | from Ch. 111, par. 1308 |
| 225 ILCS 305/16.5 | |
| 225 ILCS 325/4 | from Ch. 111, par. 5204 |
| 225 ILCS 325/5 | from Ch. 111, par. 5205 |
| 225 ILCS 325/17.5 | |
| 225 ILCS 330/4 | from Ch. 111, par. 3254 |
| 225 ILCS 330/6 | from Ch. 111, par. 3256 |
| 225 ILCS 330/18.5 | |
| 225 ILCS 340/4 | from Ch. 111, par. 6604 |
| 225 ILCS 340/6 | from Ch. 111, par. 6606 |
| 225 ILCS 340/14.5 | |

Amends the Illinois Architecture Practice Act of 1989. Defines "Architect, Retired". Requires the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to adopt rules concerning the issuance of the title and allows the Department to exempt from continuing education requirements retired architects who have been granted the title and who meet certain other requirements. Amends the Professional Engineering Practice Act. Defines "Professional Engineer, Retired". Requires the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to adopt rules concerning the issuance of the title and allows the Department to exempt from continuing education requirements retired professional engineers who have been granted the title and who meet certain other requirements. Amends the Professional Land Surveyor Act of 1989. Defines "Professional Land Surveyor, Retired". Requires the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to adopt rules concerning the issuance of the title and allows the Department to exempt from continuing education requirements retired professional land surveyors who have been granted the title and who meet certain other requirements. Amends the Structural Engineering Practice Act. Defines "Structural Engineer, Retired". Requires the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to adopt rules concerning the issuance of the title and allows the Department to exempt from continuing education requirements retired structural engineers who have been granted the title and who meet certain other requirements. Effective January 1, 2006

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

- 4 Section 5. The Illinois Architecture Practice Act of 1989
- is amended by changing Sections 4, 8, and 16.5 as follows:
- 6 (225 ILCS 305/4) (from Ch. 111, par. 1304)
- 7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2010)
- 8 Sec. 4. Definitions. In this Act:
- 9 (a) "Department" means the Department of Professional
- 10 Regulation.
- 11 (b) "Director" means the Director of Professional
- 12 Regulation.
- 13 (c) "Board" means the Illinois Architecture Licensing
- Board appointed by the Director.
- 15 (d) "Public health" as related to the practice of
- 16 architecture means the state of the well-being of the body or
- mind of the building user.
- 18 (e) "Public safety" as related to the practice of
- 19 architecture means the state of being reasonably free from risk
- of danger, damage, or injury.
- 21 (f) "Public welfare" as related to the practice of
- 22 architecture means the well-being of the building user
- 23 resulting from the state of a physical environment that
- 24 accommodates human activity.
- 25 (g) "Architect, Retired" means the title granted by the
- Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to a person
- 27 who has been duly licensed as an architect by the Department
- and who chooses to relinquish or not renew his or her license.
- 29 (Source: P.A. 93-1009, eff. 1-1-05.)
- 30 (225 ILCS 305/8) (from Ch. 111, par. 1308)
- 31 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2010)

- Sec. 8. Powers and duties of the Department.
 - (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Department shall exercise the following functions, powers, and duties:
 - (a) conduct examinations to ascertain the qualifications and fitness of applicants for licensure as licensed architects, and pass upon the qualifications and fitness of applicants for licensure by endorsement;
 - (b) prescribe rules for a method of examination of candidates;
 - (c) prescribe rules defining what constitutes a school, college or university, or department of a university, or other institution, reputable and in good standing, to determine whether or not a school, college or university, or department of a university, or other institution is reputable and in good standing by reference to compliance with such rules, and to terminate the approval of such school, college or university or department of a university or other institution that refuses admittance to applicants solely on the basis of race, color, creed, sex or national origin. The Department may adopt, as its own rules relating to education requirements, those guidelines published from time to time by the National Architectural Accrediting Board;
 - (d) prescribe rules for diversified professional
 training;
 - (e) conduct oral interviews, disciplinary conferences and formal evidentiary hearings on proceedings to impose fines or to suspend, revoke, place on probationary status, reprimand, and refuse to issue or restore any license issued under the provisions of this Act for the reasons set forth in Section 22 of this Act;
 - (f) issue licenses to those who meet the requirements
 of this Act;
 - (g) formulate and publish rules necessary or appropriate to carrying out the provisions of this Act; and
 - (h) maintain membership in the National Council of

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Architectural Registration Boards and participate in activities of the Council by designation of individuals for the various classifications of membership and the appointment of delegates for attendance at regional and national meetings of the Council. All costs associated with membership and attendance of such delegates to any national meetings may be funded from the Design Professionals Administration and Investigation Fund; and -

(i) adopt rules concerning the issuance of the title "Architect, Retired".

- (2) Prior to issuance of any final decision or order that deviates from any report or recommendation of the Board relating to the qualification of applicants, discipline of licensees or registrants, or promulgation of rules, the Director shall notify the Board in writing with an explanation of the deviation and provide a reasonable time for the Board to submit written comments to the Director regarding the proposed action. In the event that the Board fails or declines to submit written comments within 30 days of the notification, the Director may issue a final decision or order consistent with the Director's original decision. The Department may at any time seek the expert advice and knowledge of the Board on any matter relating to the enforcement of this Act.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 91-133, eff. 1-1-00; 92-16, eff. 6-28-01.)
- 25 (225 ILCS 305/16.5)
- 26 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2010)
- 16.5. Continuing education. The Department 27 promulgate rules of continuing education for persons licensed 28 this 29 Act. The Department shall consider 30 recommendations of the Board in establishing the guidelines for 31 the continuing education requirements. The requirements of this Section apply to any person seeking renewal or restoration 32 under Section 16 or 17 of this Act. 33
- 34 <u>The Department may, by rule, exempt from continuing</u> 35 <u>education requirements retired architects who apply for and are</u>

- 1 granted the tile "Architect, Retired" and who no longer sign
- 2 and seal architectural documents or actively engage in the
- 3 practice of architecture as defined by this Act.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 91-133, eff. 1-1-00.)
- 5 Section 10. The Professional Engineering Practice Act of
- 6 1989 is amended by changing Sections 4, 5, and 17.5 as follows:
- 7 (225 ILCS 325/4) (from Ch. 111, par. 5204)
- 8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2010)
- 9 Sec. 4. Definitions. As used in this Act:
- 10 (a) "Approved engineering curriculum" means an engineering
- 11 curriculum or program of 4 academic years or more which meets
- the standards established by the rules of the Department.
- 13 (b) "Board" means the State Board of Professional Engineers
- of the Department of Professional Regulation, previously known
- as the Examining Committee.
- 16 (c) "Department" means the Department of Professional
- 17 Regulation.
- 18 (d) "Design professional" means an architect, structural
- 19 engineer or professional engineer practicing in conformance
- 20 with the Illinois Architecture Practice Act of 1989, the
- 21 Structural Engineering Practice Act of 1989 or the Professional
- 22 Engineering Practice Act of 1989.
- 23 (e) "Director" means the Director of Professional
- 24 Regulation.
- 25 (f) "Direct supervision/responsible charge" means work
- 26 prepared under the control of a licensed professional engineer
- 27 or that work as to which that professional engineer has
- detailed professional knowledge.
- 29 (g) "Engineering college" means a school, college,
- 30 university, department of a university or other educational
- institution, reputable and in good standing in accordance with
- 32 rules prescribed by the Department, and which grants
- 33 baccalaureate degrees in engineering.
- 34 (h) "Engineering system or facility" means a system or

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- facility whose design is based upon the application of the principles of science for the purpose of modification of
- 3 natural states of being.
- (i) "Engineer intern" means a person who is a candidate for licensure as a professional engineer and who has been enrolled as an engineer intern.
 - (j) "Enrollment" means an action by the Department to record those individuals who have met the Board's requirements for an engineer intern.
 - (k) "License" means an official document issued by the Department to an individual, a corporation, a partnership, a professional service corporation, a limited liability company, or a sole proprietorship, signifying authority to practice.
 - (1) "Negligence in the practice of professional engineering" means the failure to exercise that degree of reasonable professional skill, judgment and diligence normally rendered by professional engineers in the practice of professional engineering.
- 19 (m) "Professional engineer" means a person licensed under 20 the laws of the State of Illinois to practice professional 21 engineering.
 - (n) "Professional engineering" means the application of science to the design of engineering systems and facilities using the knowledge, skills, ability and professional judgment developed through professional engineering education, training and experience.
- 27 (0) "Professional engineering practice" means the 28 consultation conception, investigation, evaluation, on, 29 planning, and design of, and selection of materials to be used 30 in, administration of construction contracts for, or site 31 observation of, an engineering system or facility, where such 32 consultation, conception, investigation, evaluation, planning, design, selection, administration, or observation requires 33 extensive knowledge of engineering laws, formulae, materials, 34 practice, and construction methods. A person shall be construed 35 to practice or offer to practice professional engineering, 36

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within the meaning and intent of this Act, who practices, or who, by verbal claim, sign, advertisement, letterhead, card, or any other way, is represented to be a professional engineer, or through the use of the initials "P.E." or the title "engineer" or any of its derivations or some other title implies licensure as a professional engineer, or holds himself out as able to perform any service which is recognized as professional engineering practice.

Examples of the practice of professional engineering include, but need not be limited to, transportation facilities and publicly owned utilities for a region or community, railroads, railways, highways, subways, canals, harbors, river improvements; irrigation works; aircraft, airports and landing fields; waterworks, piping systems and appurtenances, sewers, sewage disposal works; plants for the generation of power; devices for the utilization of power; boilers; refrigeration plants, air conditioning systems and plants; heating systems and plants; plants for the transmission or distribution of power; electrical plants which produce, transmit, distribute, or utilize electrical energy; works for the extraction of minerals from the earth; plants for the refining, alloying or treating of metals; chemical works and industrial plants involving the use of chemicals and chemical processes; plants for the production, conversion, or utilization of nuclear, chemical, radiant energy; forensic or engineering, geotechnical engineering including, subsurface investigations; soil classification, geology and geohydrology, incidental to the practice of professional engineering; energy analysis, environmental design, hazardous waste mitigation and control; measurement, evaluation recognition, and control environmental systems and emissions; automated management systems; or the provision of professional engineering site observation of the construction of works and engineering systems. Nothing contained in this Section imposes upon a person licensed under this Act the responsibility for the performance of any of the foregoing functions unless such

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fields of engineering.

- 1 person specifically contracts to provide it.
- 2 "Project representative" means the professional 3 engineer's representative at the project site who assists in
- the administration of the construction contract. 4
- 5 (q) "Registered" means the same as "licensed" for purposes of this Act. 6
- (r) "Related science curriculum" means a 4 year program of 7 study, the satisfactory completion of which results in a 8 Bachelor of Science degree, and which contains courses from 9 such areas as life, earth, engineering and computer sciences, 10 11 including but not limited to, physics and chemistry. In the study of these sciences, the objective is to acquire 12 13 fundamental knowledge about the nature of its phenomena, including quantitative expression, appropriate to particular 14
- 16 (s) "Rules" means those rules promulgated pursuant to this 17 Act.
- (t) "Seal" means the seal in compliance with Section 14 of 18 19 this Act.
- (u) "Site observation" is visitation of the construction site for the purpose of reviewing, as available, the quality and conformance of the work to the technical submissions as 23 they relate to design.
 - (v) "Support design professional" means a professional engineer practicing in conformance with the Professional Engineering Practice Act of 1989, who provides services to the design professional who has contract responsibility.
- 28 (w) "Technical submissions" means designs, drawings, and specifications which establish the standard of quality for 29 30 materials, workmanship, equipment, and the construction systems, studies, and other technical reports prepared in the 31 32 course of a design professional's practice.
- (x) "Professional Engineer, Retired" means the title 33 granted by the Department of Financial and Professional 34 35 Regulation to a person who has been duly licensed as a professional engineer by the Department and who chooses to 36

- 1 <u>relinquish or not renew his or her license.</u>
- 2 (Source: P.A. 91-91, eff. 1-1-00; 91-92, eff. 1-1-00; 92-16,
- 3 eff. 6-28-01; 92-145, eff. 1-1-02.)
- 4 (225 ILCS 325/5) (from Ch. 111, par. 5205)
- 5 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2010)
- Sec. 5. Powers and duties of the Department. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Department shall exercise the following functions, powers and duties:
 - (a) To pass upon the qualifications and conduct examinations of applicants for licensure as professional engineers or enrollment as engineer interns and pass upon the qualifications of applicants by endorsement and issue a license or enrollment to those who are found to be fit and qualified.
 - (b) To prescribe rules for the method, conduct and grading of the examination of applicants.
 - (c) To license corporations, partnerships, professional service corporations, limited liability companies, and sole proprietorships for the practice of professional engineering and issue a license to those who qualify.
 - (d) To conduct investigations and hearings regarding violations of this Act and take disciplinary or other actions as provided in this Act as a result of the proceedings.
 - (e) To prescribe rules as to what shall constitute an engineering or related science curriculum and to determine if a specific engineering curriculum is in compliance with the rules, and to terminate the approval of a specific engineering curriculum for non-compliance with such rules.
 - (f) To promulgate rules required for the administration of this Act, including rules of professional conduct.
 - (g) To maintain membership in the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying and participate in

activities of the Council by designation of individuals for the various classifications of membership, the appointment of delegates for attendance at zone and national meetings of the Council, and the funding of the delegates for attendance at the meetings of the Council.

(h) To obtain written recommendations from the Board regarding qualifications of individuals for licensure and enrollment, definitions of curriculum content and approval of engineering curricula, standards of professional conduct and formal disciplinary actions, and the promulgation of the rules affecting these matters.

Prior to issuance of any final decision or order that deviates from any report or recommendations of the Board relating to the qualification of applicants, discipline of licensees or registrants, or promulgation of rules, the Director shall notify the Board in writing with an explanation of any such deviation and provide a reasonable time for the Board to submit written comments to the Director regarding the proposed action. In the event that the Board fails or declines to submit such written comments within 30 days of said notification, the Director may issue a final decision or orders consistent with the Director's original decision. The Department may at any time seek the expert advice and knowledge of the Board on any matter relating to the enforcement of this Act.

(i) To publish and distribute or to post on the Department's website, at least semi-annually, a newsletter to all persons licensed and registered under this Act. The newsletter shall describe the most recent changes in this Act and the rules adopted under this Act and shall contain information of any final disciplinary action that has been ordered under this Act since the date of the last newsletter.

(j) To adopt rules concerning the issuance of the title "Professional Engineer, Retired".

None of the functions, powers or duties enumerated in this

- 1 Section shall be exercised by the Department except upon the
- 2 action and report in writing of the Board.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 91-92, eff. 1-1-00; 92-145, eff. 1-1-02.)
- 4 (225 ILCS 325/17.5)
- 5 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2010)
- 6 Sec. 17.5. Continuing education. The Department may
- 7 promulgate rules of continuing education for persons licensed
- 8 under this Act. The Department shall consider the
- 9 recommendations of the Board in establishing the guidelines for
- 10 the continuing education requirements. The requirements of
- 11 this Section apply to any person seeking renewal or restoration
- under Section 17 or 18 of this Act.
- 13 The Department may, by rule, exempt from continuing
- 14 <u>education requirements retired professional engineers who</u>
- 15 apply for and are granted the title "Professional Engineer,
- Retired" and who no longer sign and seal engineering documents
- or actively engage in the practice of engineering as defined by
- this Act.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 91-92, eff. 1-1-00.)
- 20 Section 15. The Illinois Professional Land Surveyor Act of
- 21 1989 is amended by changing Sections 4, 6, and 18.5 as follows:
- 22 (225 ILCS 330/4) (from Ch. 111, par. 3254)
- 23 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2010)
- Sec. 4. Definitions. As used in this Act:
- 25 (a) "Department" means the Department of Professional
- 26 Regulation.
- 27 (b) "Director" means the Director of Professional
- 28 Regulation.
- (c) "Board" means the Land Surveyors Licensing Board.
- 30 (d) "Direct supervision and control" means the personal
- 31 review by a Licensed Professional Land Surveyor of each survey,
- 32 including, but not limited to, procurement, research, field
- 33 work, calculations, preparation of legal descriptions and

- 1 plats. The personal review shall be of such a nature as to
- 2 assure the client that the Professional Land Surveyor or the
- 3 firm for which the Professional Land Surveyor is employed is
- 4 the provider of the surveying services.
- 5 (e) "Responsible charge" means an individual responsible
- for the various components of the land survey operations
- 7 subject to the overall supervision and control of the
- 8 Professional Land Surveyor.
- 9 (f) "Design professional" means a land surveyor,
- 10 architect, structural engineer, or professional engineer
- 11 licensed in conformance with this Act, the Illinois
- 12 Architecture Practice Act of 1989, the Structural Engineering
- 13 Practice Act of 1989, or the Professional Engineering Practice
- 14 Act of 1989.
- 15 (g) "Professional Land Surveyor" means any person licensed
- 16 under the laws of the State of Illinois to practice land
- surveying, as defined by this Act or its rules.
- 18 (h) "Land Surveyor-in-Training" means any person licensed
- under the laws of the State of Illinois who has qualified for,
- 20 taken, and passed an examination in the fundamental land
- 21 surveyor-in-training subjects as provided by this Act or its
- 22 rules.
- 23 (i) "Land surveying experience" means those activities
- 24 enumerated in Section 5 of this Act, which, when exercised in
- combination, to the satisfaction of the Board, is proof of an
- 26 applicant's broad range of training in and exposure to the
- 27 prevailing practice of land surveying.
- 28 <u>(j) "Professional Land Surveyor, Retired" means the title</u>
- 29 granted by the Department of Financial and Professional
- 30 Regulation to a person who has been duly licensed as a
- 31 professional land surveyor by the Department and who chooses to
- 32 relinquish or not renew his or her license.
- 33 (Source: P.A. 92-16, eff. 6-28-01; 93-467, eff. 1-1-04.)
- 34 (225 ILCS 330/6) (from Ch. 111, par. 3256)
- 35 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2010)

- Sec. 6. Powers and duties of the Department.
 - (a) The Department shall exercise the powers and duties prescribed by The Illinois Administrative Procedure Act for the administration of licensing Acts. The Department shall also exercise, subject to the provisions of this Act, the following powers and duties:
 - (1) Conduct or authorize examinations to ascertain the fitness and qualifications of applicants for licensure and issue licenses to those who are found to be fit and qualified.
 - (2) Prescribe rules for a method of examination.
 - (3) Conduct hearings on proceedings to revoke, suspend, or refuse to issue, renew, or restore a license, or other disciplinary actions.
 - (4) Promulgate rules and regulations required for the administration of this Act.
 - (5) License corporations and partnerships for the practice of professional surveying and issue a license to those who qualify.
 - (6) Prescribe, adopt, and amend rules as to what shall constitute a surveying or related science curriculum, determine if a specific surveying curriculum is in compliance with the rules, and terminate the approval of a specific surveying curriculum for non-compliance with such rules.
 - (7) Maintain membership in the National Council of Engineering Examiners or a similar organization and participate in activities of the Council or organization by designating individuals for the various classifications of membership and appoint delegates for attendance at zone and national meetings of the Council or organization.
 - (8) Obtain written recommendations from the Board regarding qualification of individuals for licensing, definition of curriculum content and approval of surveying curriculums, standards of professional conduct and disciplinary actions, promulgate and amend the rules

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affecting these matters, and consult with the Board on other matters affecting administration of the Act.

(9) Adopt rules concerning the issuance of the title "Professional Land Surveyor, Retired".

- (a-5) The Department may promulgate rules for a Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice to be followed by persons licensed under this Act. The Department shall consider the recommendations of the Board in establishing the Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice.
- 10 (b) The Department shall consult with the Board in 11 promulgating rules. Notice of proposed rulemaking shall be 12 transmitted to the Board and the Department shall review the 13 Board's response and recommendations.
 - (c) The Department shall review the Board's recommendation of the applicants' qualifications. The Director shall notify the Board in writing with an explanation of any deviation from the Board's recommendation. After review of the Director's written explanation of his or her reasons for deviation, the Board shall have the opportunity to comment upon the Director's decision.
- Whenever the Director is not satisfied that substantial justice has been done in the revocation or suspension of a license, or other disciplinary action the Director may order re-hearing by the same or other boards.
- None of the functions, powers or duties enumerated in this Section shall be exercised by the Department except upon the action and report in writing of the Board.
- 28 (Source: P.A. 93-467, eff. 1-1-04.)
- 29 (225 ILCS 330/18.5)
- 30 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2010)
- Sec. 18.5. Continuing education. The Department may promulgate rules of continuing education for persons licensed under this Act. The Department shall consider the recommendations of the Board in establishing the guidelines for the continuing education requirements. The requirements of

- 1 this Section apply to any person seeking renewal or restoration
- 2 under Section 18 or 19 of this Act.
- 3 The Department may, by rule, exempt from continuing
- 4 <u>education requirements retired professional land surveyors who</u>
- 5 apply for and are granted the title "Professional Land
- 6 Surveyor, Retired" and who no longer sign and seal land
- 7 surveying documents or actively engage in the practice of land
- 8 <u>surveying as defined by this Act.</u>
- 9 (Source: P.A. 91-132, eff. 1-1-00.)
- Section 20. The Structural Engineering Practice Act of 1989
- is amended by changing Sections 4, 6, and 14.5 as follows:
- 12 (225 ILCS 340/4) (from Ch. 111, par. 6604)
- 13 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2010)
- 14 Sec. 4. In this Act:
- 15 (a) "Department" means the Department of Professional
- 16 Regulation.
- 17 (b) "Director" means the Director of the Department of
- 18 Professional Regulation.
- 19 (c) "Board" means the Structural Engineering Board
- appointed by the Director.
- 21 (d) "Negligence in the practice of structural engineering"
- 22 means the failure to exercise that degree of reasonable
- 23 professional skill, judgment and diligence normally rendered
- 24 by structural engineers in the practice of structural
- engineering.
- 26 (e) "Structural engineer intern" means a person who is a
- 27 candidate for licensure as a structural engineer and who has
- been enrolled as a structural engineer intern.
- 29 (f) "Structural engineer" means a person licensed under the
- 30 laws of the State of Illinois to practice structural
- 31 engineering.
- 32 (g) "Structural Engineer, Retired" means the title granted
- 33 by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to a
- 34 person who has been duly licensed as a structural engineer by

- 1 the Department and who chooses to relinquish or not renew his
- 2 or her license.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 91-91, eff. 1-1-00.)
- 4 (225 ILCS 340/6) (from Ch. 111, par. 6606)
- 5 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2010)
- Sec. 6. The Department of Professional Regulation shall exercise the following functions, powers and duties subject to the provisions of this Act:
 - (1) Conduct examinations to ascertain the qualifications and fitness of applicants for licensure as licensed structural engineers, and pass upon the qualifications and fitness of applicants for licensure by endorsement.
 - (2) Prescribe rules for a method of examination of candidates.
 - (3) Prescribe rules defining what shall constitute a school, college or university or department of a university, or other institution, reputable and in good standing, and to determine the reputability and good standing of a school, college or other institution reputable and in good standing by reference to a compliance with such rules; provided that no school, college or university, or department of a university or other institution that refuses admittance to applicants, solely on account of race, color, creed, sex, religion, physical or mental handicap unrelated to ability, or national origin shall be considered reputable and in good standing.
 - (3.5) Register corporations, partnerships, professional service corporations, limited liability companies, and sole proprietorships for the practice of structural engineering and issue a license to those who qualify.
 - (4) Investigate complaints, conduct oral interviews, disciplinary conferences, and formal evidentiary hearings on proceedings to refuse to issue, renew or restore, or to

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suspend or revoke a license, or to place on probation or reprimand a licensee for reasons set forth in Section 20 of this Act.

- (5) Formulate rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.
- (6) Maintain membership in a national organization that provides an acceptable structural engineering examination and participate in activities of the organization by designation of individuals for the various classifications of membership and the appointment of delegates for attendance at regional and national meetings of the organization. All costs associated with membership and attendance of such delegates to any national meetings may be funded from the Design Professionals Administration and Investigation Fund.

(7) Adopt rules concerning the issuance of the title "Structural Engineer, Retired".

Prior to issuance of any final decision or order that deviates from any report or recommendation of the Board relating to the qualification of applicants, discipline of licensees or registrants, or promulgation of rules, the Director shall notify the Board and the Secretary of State in writing with an explanation of any such deviation and provide a reasonable time for the Board to submit written comments to the Director regarding the proposed action. In the event that the Board fails or declines to submit such written comments within 30 days of said notification, the Director may issue a final decision or order consistent with the Director's original decision.

None of these functions, powers or duties shall be exercised by the Department of Professional Regulation except upon the action and report in writing of the Board.

33 (Source: P.A. 91-91, eff. 1-1-00.)

34 (225 ILCS 340/14.5)

35 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2010)

- Sec. 14.5. Continuing education. The Department may promulgate rules of continuing education for persons licensed under this Act. The Department shall consider the recommendations of the Board in establishing the guidelines for the continuing education requirements. The requirements of this Section apply to any person seeking renewal or restoration
- The Department may, by rule, exempt from continuing

 education requirements retired structural engineers who apply

 for and are granted the title "Structural Engineer, Retired"

 and who no longer sign and seal structural engineering

 documents or actively engage in the practice of structural

 engineering as defined by this Act.
- 14 (Source: P.A. 91-91, eff. 1-1-00.)

under Section 14 or 15 of this Act.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2006.