STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS 24016

The amendment authorizes the Board to issue a professional engineering license to engineering faculty with an earned Ph.D. employed at any Idaho university without a written technical examination. The amendment also clarifies the requirements of professional examinations and clarifies the conditions of concerning reexamination for those failing on prior attempts. Fees for reexamination are removed.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund. An annual revenue decrease of $1,000 is estimated to the dedicated fund of this agency.

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BY ________________________________

AN ACT

RELATING TO ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1214, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING EXAMINATIONS THAT ARE OFFERED, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING A CANDIDATE WHO FAILS AN EXAMINATION AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A CONTINGENT LICENSE TO ENGINEERING FACULTY UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 54-1214, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-1214. EXAMINATIONS. (1) Examinations will be held at such times and places as the board directs. The board shall determine the acceptable grade on examinations.

(2) Written professional examinations may be taken only after the applicant has met the other minimum requirements as given in section 54-1212, Idaho Code, and has been approved by the board for admission to the examinations as follows. The following examinations shall be offered:

(a) Fundamentals of Engineering -- The examination consists of a test on the fundamentals of engineering acceptable to the board. Passing this examination qualifies the examinee for an engineer intern certificate, provided he has met all other requirements of certification required by this chapter.

(b) Principles and Practice of Engineering -- The professional engineering examination consists of a test on applied engineering acceptable to the board. Passing this examination qualifies the examinee for licensure as a professional engineer, provided he has met the other requirements for licensure required by this chapter.

(c) Fundamentals of Surveying -- The examination consists of a test on the fundamentals of surveying acceptable to the board. Passing this examination qualifies the examinee for a land surveyor intern certificate, provided he has met all other requirements for certification required by this chapter.

(d) Principles and Practice of Surveying -- The professional surveying examination consists of a test on applied surveying acceptable to the board. Passing this examination qualifies the examinee for licensure as a professional land surveyor, provided he has met the other requirements for licensure required by this chapter.

(3) A candidate failing all or part of a professional engineering or professional land surveying examination for the first time may apply for request reexamination, which may be granted upon payment of an application fee equal to the application fee for the required examination plus a separate examination fee paid by the applicant directly to the entity designated by the board. In the event of a second failure, the examinee shall be required
to obtain a minimum of one (1) additional year of experience, acceptable
to the board, from the date of the second examination failure, and submit
evidence of having completed an additional eight (8) semester credits of
college level academic education relating to the examination that may in-
clude a professional engineering or professional surveying review course,
before the board will consider that he has acquired the necessary additional
knowledge to warrant assignment to a third examination. The separate ap-
plication and examination fees shall be as set forth herein. In the event
of a third or subsequent failure, the examinee shall be required to obtain
a minimum of three (3) additional years of experience, acceptable to the
board, from the date of the third or subsequent examination failure, and sub-
mit evidence of having completed an additional twelve (12) semester credits
of college level academic education relating to the examination that may
include a second professional engineering or professional surveying review
course, before the board will consider that he has acquired the necessary
additional knowledge to warrant assignment to a subsequent examination. The
separate application and examination fees shall be as set forth herein.

(4) The board may prepare and adopt specifications for the written ex-
aminations in engineering and land surveying.

(5) The board may issue a contingent license to engineering faculty
with an earned doctorate degree. The license shall be contingent on the
licensee remaining employed by a college or university in this state. The
board may waive technical examinations for such licenses in lieu of other
requirements prescribed by rule.