

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 2 (SB 17)

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Prior law provided relative to the regulation of engineers and land surveyors by the La. Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board (board).

Prior law provided for definitions. New law retains prior law definitions and defines the term "dual licensee" as any person practicing or seeking to practice both engineering and land surveying in the state who has received both licenses from the board and is otherwise in good standing with the board.

Prior law provided for members of the board and removal of board members. New law retains prior law.

Prior law provided for the minimum requirements for licensure of a professional engineer as being either:

- (1) An engineer intern who has met the requirements for progressive engineering experience in work acceptable to the board, who is of good character and reputation, who has passed the required examinations, and who has satisfied the application and submits the required fee.
- (2) An individual who holds a valid license to engage in the practice of engineering issued to him by another state, based on requirements that do not conflict with the provisions of La. law, and which were of a standard not lower than that specified in the applicable licensure laws in effect in La. at the time the license was issued, who is of good character and reputation, and who has satisfied the application requirements, and if the state, territory, or possession, or the District of Columbia, in which he is licensed will accept the license issued by the board on a reciprocal basis.

New law retains prior law and adds a third set of minimum requirements for licensure as a professional engineer. The requirements are: graduate from a board approved engineering curriculum, have 20 years or more of progressive engineering experience in work acceptable to the board, be of good character and reputation, pass the examinations required by the board, and satisfy the application requirements.

Prior law provided for the licensure requirements of a professional naval architect or marine engineer. New law removes provisions of prior law.

Prior law provided relative to examinations for licensure.

New law authorizes the board to require an individual who failed an examination to appear before the board for an oral interview.

New law authorizes the board to adopt rules concerning eligibility for licensure of an individual who has failed an examination seven or more times.

Prior law provided for disciplinary and enforcement actions by the board against an officer, director, manager, employee, agent, or representative of a firm for certain acts and offenses committed.

New law retains prior law and adds acts and offenses subject to disciplinary and enforcement actions by the board.

Effective January 1, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 37:682(4)-(15), 683(A), (B)(1), (2), and (3), and (C), 684, 686, 693(A) and (B), 695, 698(C), 700(C); adds R.S. 37:682(16))