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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S. P. 136, L.D. 313, Bill,
"AN ACT to Amend the Geologists and Soil Scientists
Certification Act."

Amend the Bill by inserting after the enacting clause
the following:

'Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §4904, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 558,
§1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:
§4904. Corporations, partnerships, associations and
government agencies

This chapter does not prohibit one or more geologists
or soil scientists from practicing through the medium of a
sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation or
government agency. In such partnership or corporation whose
primary activity consists of geological services, or in
a government agency in which geological work is done, at
least one partner, officer or employee shall be a certified
geologist. In such partnership or corporation whose
primary activity consists of soil science services, or in
a government agency in which soil science work is done,
at least one partner, officer or employee shall be a
certified soil scientist. In the case of an agency of state
government, the Department of Personnel shall classify officers
and employees under the Personnel Law in a manner that

ensures that at least one certified geologist or soil scientist shall work for each agency in which, as the case may be, geological or soil science work is done and that any officer or employee who is engaged in the practice of geology or soil science and who is uncertified works as a subordinate to a certified geologist or soil scientist, as the case may be, and does not have responsible charge of work or evaluation.

Further amend the Bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line after the enacting clause the underlined abbreviation and figure 'Sec. 2.'

Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

'Sec. 3. Transition provision. Any person who, on the effective date of this Act, is an officer or employee of the State and working as a geologist or soil scientist within the meaning of ^{Title 32,} chapter 73, shall be exempt from that chapter until such time as the board notifies applicants of the results of the first examination for which that person is qualified and reasonably able to sit.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to require every government agency doing soil sciences or geological work to employ at least one certified soil scientist or geologist in a supervisory capacity and to provide an opportunity for current state employees to become certified.

Reported by the Committee on Business Legislation.

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