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An Act Regarding Examinations and Applications for Professional Engineers and Engineer-interns

Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 15, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Senator: POULIOT of Kennebec.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1353, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 296, §4, is further
3 amended to read:

4 Application for licensure as a professional engineer or certification as an engineer-
5 intern must be made on a form prescribed ~~and furnished~~ by the board, contain statements
6 made under oath showing the applicant's education and a detailed summary of the
7 applicant's technical experience and contain references as set forth in section 1352-A, none
8 of which may be from members of the board. An applicant who fails to complete the
9 application process within 5 years must reapply to the board, meet qualification
10 requirements that are in effect at the time of the new application, submit updated
11 documentation of engineering work experience and submit 3 references from professional
12 engineers that are current at the time of the new application. An application fee may be
13 established by rule by the board in an amount that is reasonable and necessary for its
14 purpose.

15 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1354**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 375, §16, is further amended
16 to read:

17 **§1354. Examinations**

18 ~~The principles and practices of engineering examinations may not be taken until the~~
19 ~~applicant has completed a period of engineering experience as set forth in section 1352-A.~~

20 The passing grade on any examination is established by the national council. ~~An~~
21 ~~applicant who fails to complete the application process within 5 years must reapply to the~~
22 ~~board, meet qualification requirements that are in effect at the time of the new application~~
23 ~~and present 3 new references and updated documentation of engineering work experience.~~

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill moves from the section of law related to examinations to the section related
26 to applications the requirement that an applicant for licensure as a professional engineer or
27 certification as an engineer-intern reapply if the application process is not completed within
28 5 years and updates language to clarify the requirement. It also removes the requirement
29 that the application form must be furnished by the State Board of Licensure for Professional
30 Engineers. The bill also eliminates the requirement that an applicant complete a period of
31 mandated engineering work experience before the applicant is allowed to sit for the
32 principles and practices of engineering examinations.