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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to engineers; amending s. 471.003,
 F.S.; prohibiting a person who is not licensed as an
 engineer from using specified names and titles;
 amending s. 471.0035, F.S.; conforming a cross-
 reference; amending s. 471.005, F.S.; providing
 definitions; amending s. 471.015, F.S.; providing
 licensure and application requirements for a
 structural engineer license; amending s. 471.031,
 F.S.; prohibiting specified persons from using the
 titles of "licensed structural engineer,"
 "professional structural engineer," "registered
 structural engineer," or "structural engineer";
 providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 471.003, Florida
 Statutes, is amended to read:

471.003 Qualifications for practice; exemptions.—

(1) No person other than a duly licensed engineer shall
 practice engineering or use the name or title of "licensed
 engineer," "professional engineer," "registered engineer,"
"licensed structural engineer," "professional structural
engineer," "registered structural engineer," "structural
engineer," or any other title, designation, words, letters,

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27 abbreviations, or device tending to indicate that such person
28 holds an active license as an engineer in this state.

29 Section 2. Section 471.0035, Florida Statutes, is amended
30 to read:

31 471.0035 Instructors in postsecondary educational
32 institutions; exemption from licensure requirement.—For the sole
33 purpose of teaching the principles and methods of engineering
34 design, notwithstanding the provisions of s. 471.005(8) ~~s.~~
35 ~~471.005(7)~~, a person employed by a public postsecondary
36 educational institution, or by an independent postsecondary
37 educational institution licensed or exempt from licensure
38 pursuant to the provisions of chapter 1005, is not required to
39 be licensed under the provisions of this chapter as a
40 professional engineer.

41 Section 3. Subsections (4) through (12) of section
42 471.005, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (5)
43 through (13), respectively, present subsection (13) is reordered
44 and renumbered as subsection (4), and subsections (14) and (15)
45 are added to that section to read:

46 471.005 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

47 (14) "Licensed structural engineer," "professional
48 structural engineer," "registered structural engineer," or
49 "structural engineer" means a person who is licensed to engage
50 in the practice of structural engineering under this chapter.

51 (15) "Structural engineering" means a service or creative
52 work that includes the analysis and design of significant

53 structures as defined by the board. The term includes
 54 "engineering" as defined in subsection (8) and may be further
 55 defined by the board by rule.

56 Section 4. Subsections (3) through (7) of section 471.015,
 57 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4) through (8),
 58 respectively, and a new subsection (3) is added to that section
 59 to read:

60 471.015 Licensure.—

61 (3) (a) The management corporation shall issue a structural
 62 engineer license to any applicant who the board certifies as
 63 qualified to practice structural engineering and who:

64 1. Is licensed under this chapter as an engineer or is
 65 qualified for licensure as an engineer;

66 2. Submits an application in the format prescribed by the
 67 board;

68 3. Pays a fee established by the board under s. 471.011;

69 4. Provides satisfactory evidence of good moral character,
 70 as defined by the board;

71 5. Provides a record of 4 years of active structural
 72 engineering experience, as defined by the board, under the
 73 supervision of a licensed professional engineer; and

74 6. Has successfully passed the National Council of
 75 Examiners for Engineering and Surveying structural examination.

76 (b) Before February 28, 2020, an applicant who satisfies
 77 subparagraphs 1.-5. may satisfy subparagraph 6. by submitting a
 78 signed affidavit in the format prescribed by the board that

79 states:

80 1. The applicant is currently a licensed engineer in the
 81 state and has been engaged in the practice of structural
 82 engineering with a record of at least 4 years of active
 83 structural engineering experience; and

84 2. The applicant is willing to meet with the board or a
 85 representative of the board, upon its request, for the purpose
 86 of evaluating the applicant's qualifications for licensure.

87 (c) An applicant who is qualified for licensure as an
 88 engineer under s. 471.013 may simultaneously apply for licensure
 89 as a structural engineer if all requirements of s. 471.013 and
 90 this subsection are met.

91 Section 5. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
 92 471.031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

93 471.031 Prohibitions; penalties.—

94 (1) A person may not:

95 (b)1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2. or
 96 subparagraph 3., use the name or title "professional engineer"
 97 or any other title, designation, words, letters, abbreviations,
 98 or device tending to indicate that such person holds an active
 99 license as an engineer when the person is not licensed under
 100 this chapter, including, but not limited to, the following
 101 titles: "agricultural engineer," "air-conditioning engineer,"
 102 "architectural engineer," "building engineer," "chemical
 103 engineer," "civil engineer," "control systems engineer,"
 104 "electrical engineer," "environmental engineer," "fire

105 protection engineer," "industrial engineer," "manufacturing
 106 engineer," "mechanical engineer," "metallurgical engineer,"
 107 "mining engineer," "minerals engineer," "marine engineer,"
 108 "nuclear engineer," "petroleum engineer," "plumbing engineer,"
 109 "structural engineer," "transportation engineer," "software
 110 engineer," "computer hardware engineer," or "systems engineer."

111 2. Any person who is exempt from licensure under s.
 112 471.003(2)(j) may use the title or personnel classification of
 113 "engineer" in the scope of his or her work under that exemption
 114 if the title does not include or connote the term "licensed
 115 engineer," "professional engineer," "registered engineer,"
 116 "licensed professional engineer," ~~"licensed engineer,"~~
 117 "registered professional engineer," "licensed structural
 118 engineer," "professional structural engineer," "registered
 119 structural engineer," or "structural engineer ~~or "licensed~~
 120 ~~professional engineer."~~

121 3. Any person who is exempt from licensure under s.
 122 471.003(2)(c) or (e) may use the title or personnel
 123 classification of "engineer" in the scope of his or her work
 124 under that exemption if the title does not include or connote
 125 the term "licensed engineer," "professional engineer,"
 126 "registered engineer," "licensed professional engineer,"
 127 ~~"licensed engineer,"~~ "registered professional engineer,"
 128 "licensed structural engineer," "professional structural
 129 engineer," "registered structural engineer," or "structural
 130 engineer ~~or "licensed professional engineer,"~~ and if that person

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131 | is a graduate from an approved engineering curriculum of 4 years
132 | or more in a school, college, or university which has been
133 | approved by the board.

134 | Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.