

Senate Bill 896

Sponsored by Senator ROBLAN

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Authorizes issuance of certificate of restricted registration as professional engineer. Describes scope of restricted registration. Sets forth qualifications for restricted registration. Identifies grounds for refusal of restricted registration and for disciplinary action against holder of restricted registration. Makes educational and technical qualifications for renewal of registration as professional engineer applicable for renewal of restricted registration. Authorizes fee for restricted registration.

Reduces out-of-state registration or licensing period necessary to qualify for waiver of fundamentals of engineering examination. Requires that applicant for waiver not have record of discipline for negligence or incompetence in practice of engineering.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the practice of engineering; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 672.103 and
3 672.155.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 672.002 to**
6 **672.325.**

7 **SECTION 2. (1) The State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying may**
8 **issue a certificate of restricted registration as a professional engineer.**

9 **(2) The holder of a restricted registration issued under this section may practice in only**
10 **one branch of engineering. The board shall specify the branch of engineering in the certif-**
11 **icate of restricted registration. The board may issue a restricted registration only for a**
12 **branch of engineering in which the applicant demonstrates 12 or more years of active prac-**
13 **tice acceptable to the board. The holder of a restricted registration may not obtain regis-**
14 **tration under ORS 672.153 in a newly specified branch of engineering.**

15 **(3) As minimum evidence of qualification for a restricted registration, an applicant must**
16 **provide evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant:**

17 **(a) Holds, in good standing, a current unrestricted original registration for the practice**
18 **of engineering in a United States or foreign country jurisdiction that offers professional en-**
19 **gineers registered in this state reciprocal licensing on a substantially similar basis;**

20 **(b) Has graduated from a college or university engineering program four years or more**
21 **in length and approved by the board;**

22 **(c) Notwithstanding ORS 672.098, has a work record of 12 years or more of active practice**
23 **in engineering work in a branch of engineering recognized by the board;**

24 **(d) Has a bona fide offer of employment in this state that is contingent upon the appli-**
25 **cant obtaining restricted registration in the branch of engineering described in the applica-**
26 **tion; and**

27 **(e) Meets any additional requirements established by the board.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (4) Notwithstanding ORS 672.098, an applicant for restricted registration is not required
 2 to pass, or provide evidence of having previously passed, a practical engineer's examination
 3 approved by the board.

4 (5) The board may not adopt rules for the consideration or recognition of military or
 5 other work experience as an alternative to the degree requirement in subsection (3)(b) of this
 6 section. The board may recognize military training or experience that the board deems
 7 equivalent to active practice in engineering for purposes of satisfying the requirement in
 8 subsection (3)(c) of this section.

9 (6) The board may refuse to issue a restricted registration if the employer making a bona
 10 fide offer of work under subsection (3)(d) of this section has previously:

11 (a) Rescinded an offer of work that had been offered to another applicant; or

12 (b) Allowed a holder of a restricted registration to perform engineering work that is
 13 outside the branch of engineering specified in the holder's certificate of restricted registra-
 14 tion.

15 (7) The board shall immediately revoke a restricted registration if:

16 (a) A bona fide offer of work under subsection (3)(d) of this section is rescinded or is
 17 declined by the applicant; or

18 (b) The applicant ceases to hold the position for which a bona fide offer of work was ac-
 19 cepted under subsection (3)(d) of this section.

20 (8) In addition to any grounds described in ORS 672.195 or 672.200, the board may sus-
 21 pend, revoke, or refuse to issue, restore or renew a restricted registration if:

22 (a) An applicant offers or advertises to perform engineering services; or

23 (b) The holder of the restricted registration offers or advertises to perform engineering
 24 services that are outside the branch of engineering specified in the certificate of restricted
 25 registration.

26 (9) The holder of a restricted registration is subject to any educational or technical
 27 qualifications for engineering registration renewal that the board adopts by rule, except that
 28 any submission by a holder of restricted registration in satisfaction of those qualifications
 29 must pertain to the branch of engineering specified in the certificate of restricted registra-
 30 tion.

31 **SECTION 3.** ORS 672.103 is amended to read:

32 672.103. The State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying may waive the
 33 fundamentals of engineering examination requirement for an applicant for registration under ORS
 34 672.098 if the applicant:

35 (1) Has, for at least [25] **eight** years prior to the date of the registration application[,] held a
 36 registration or license to practice professional engineering in another state, a territory or possession
 37 of the United States, the District of Columbia or a foreign country; **and**

38 (2) **Has not been subject in any jurisdiction to discipline for negligence or incompetence**
 39 **in the practice of engineering.**

40 **SECTION 4.** ORS 672.155 is amended to read:

41 672.155. The State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying shall establish fees
 42 by rule, including but not limited to fees for the following:

43 (1) Enrollment as an engineering intern.

44 (2) Enrollment as a land surveying intern.

45 (3) Examinations administered or approved by the board.

- 1 (4) Registration or renewal of a certificate of registration to practice as a professional engineer.
- 2 (5) Registration or renewal of a certificate of registration to practice as a professional land
- 3 surveyor.
- 4 (6) Registration or renewal of a certificate of registration to practice as a photogrammetrist.
- 5 (7) Issuance of a temporary permit under ORS 672.109 or 672.143.
- 6 (8) Issuance of a certificate document.
- 7 (9) Issuance of a certificate of registration under ORS 672.153, without examination, based on
- 8 experience in a branch of engineering, land surveying or photogrammetric mapping newly estab-
- 9 lished by the board.
- 10 (10) **Issuance or renewal of a restricted registration to practice as a professional engi-**
- 11 **neer.**

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