

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 7, 2016

SENATE BILL

No. 1085

Introduced by Senator Roth

February 17, 2016

An act to add Sections 6795.2, 7881.5, and 8801.1 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to professions and vocations.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1085, as amended, Roth. Professional engineers: geologists: land surveyors.

Existing law makes the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists responsible for the certification, licensure, and regulation of the practice of professional engineering, the practice of professional geologists and geophysicists, and the practice of professional land surveyors. Existing law subjects these certificates and licenses to renewal and requires the ~~certificate holder or licenseholder~~ *of the certificate or license* to apply for renewal on a form prescribed by the board and pay a prescribed fee, as provided.

This bill would additionally require an applicant for renewal to complete ~~a specified board-administered examination.~~ *a board-administered assessment, which includes questions to reinforce the certificate holder's or licenseholder's knowledge of laws applicable to his or her practice area.* The bill would make the failure to complete the ~~examination~~ *assessment within a specified period of time* a cause for disciplinary action.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 6795.2 is added to the Business and
2 Professions Code, to read:

3 6795.2. (a) At the time of renewal specified in Section 6795
4 or 6796, ~~the certificate holder shall complete an examination board~~
5 *shall administer an assessment of the certificate holder* that
6 includes questions to reinforce the certificate holder's knowledge
7 of state laws and the board's rules and regulations relating to the
8 practice of professional engineers. Failure to complete this
9 ~~examination assessment within 60 days after the date of expiration~~
10 *of the certificate* shall constitute a cause for disciplinary action
11 under Section ~~6775. The board shall administer the examination.~~
12 *6775, but shall not affect the renewal of the certificate.*

13 (b) The crime in subdivision (j) of Section 6787 shall not apply
14 to this section.

15 SEC. 2. Section 7881.5 is added to the Business and Professions
16 Code, to read:

17 7881.5. (a) At the time of renewal specified in Section 7880
18 or 7881, ~~the certificate holder shall complete an examination board~~
19 *shall administer an assessment of the certificate holder* that
20 includes questions to reinforce the certificate holder's knowledge
21 of state laws and the board's rules and regulations relating to the
22 practice of professional geologists and geophysicists. Failure to
23 complete this ~~examination assessment within 60 days after the~~
24 *date of expiration of the certificate* shall constitute a cause for
25 disciplinary action under Section ~~7860. The board shall administer~~
26 *the examination. 7860, but shall not affect the renewal of the*
27 *certificate.*

28 (b) The crime in subdivision (h) of Section 7872 shall not apply
29 to this section.

30 SEC. 3. Section 8801.1 is added to the Business and Professions
31 Code, to read:

32 8801.1. (a) At the time of renewal specified in Section 8801
33 or 8802, ~~the licenseholder shall complete an examination board~~
34 *shall administer an assessment of the licenseholder* that includes
35 questions to reinforce the ~~certificate holder's licenseholder's~~
36 knowledge of state laws and the board's rules and regulations
37 regulating the practice of professional land surveyors. Failure to
38 complete this ~~examination assessment within 60 days after the~~

1 *date of expiration of the license* shall constitute a cause for
2 disciplinary action under Section ~~8780~~. ~~The board shall administer~~
3 ~~the examination~~. *8780, but shall not affect the renewal of the*
4 *license.*

5 (b) The crime in subdivision (j) of Section 8792 shall not apply
6 to this section.

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