

## Committee on Regulated Industries

### **CS/HB 375 — Structural Engineering Recognition Program for Professional Engineers**

by Regulatory Reform Subcommittee and Reps. Toledo, Silvers, and others (SB 940 by Senator Baxley)

The bill establishes the “Structural Engineering Recognition Program for Professional Engineers” (program) which requires the Florida Board of Professional Engineers (board) to recognize any licensed professional engineer who:

- Has successfully passed the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying Structural Engineering 16-hour PE Structural examination or any other examination approved by the board; and
- Specializes in structural engineering based on alternative criteria determined by the board.

Upon application to the board, a professional engineer who has the minimum program requirements must be recognized as a professional engineer who has gone above and beyond in the field of structural engineering. The board is prohibited from collecting a fee for the application or for recognition by the program.

The bill authorizes a professional engineer who is recognized by the program to identify the recognition in her or his professional practice, including in marketing and advertising materials.

Under the bill, recognition by the program is not required for a professional engineer to practice structural engineering. The bill requires the board to adopt rules to implement the above requirements.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2022.

*Vote: Senate 38-0; House 112-0*