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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to engineering; amending s. 471.003, F.S.; exempting certain entities and persons working in the defense, space, or aerospace industries from the requirement to be licensed under ch. 471, F.S., as a licensed engineer; amending s. 471.031, F.S.; revising a prohibition on the use of certain names and titles to include reference to such exemption; providing penalties; providing for construction of the act in pari materia with laws enacted during the 2003 Regular Session or any 2003 special session of the Legislature; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (j) is added to subsection (2) of section 471.003, Florida Statutes, to read:

471.003 Qualifications for practice; exemptions.--

(2) The following persons are not required to be licensed under the provisions of this chapter as a licensed engineer:

(j) Any defense, space, or aerospace company, whether a sole proprietorship, firm, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, joint stock association, corporation, or other business entity, subsidiary, or affiliate or any employee, contract worker, subcontractor, or independent contractor providing engineering for aircraft, space launch vehicles, launch services, satellites, satellite services, or other defense, space, or aerospace related product or services or components thereof.



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Section 2. Section 471.031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

471.031 Prohibitions; penalties.--

(1) A person may not:

(a) Practice engineering unless the person is licensed under this chapter.†

(b) Use the name or title "professional engineer" or any other title, designation, words, letters, abbreviations, or device tending to indicate that such person holds an active license as an engineer when the person is not licensed under this chapter, including, but not limited to, the following titles: "agricultural engineer," "air-conditioning engineer," "architectural engineer," "building engineer," "chemical engineer," "civil engineer," "control systems engineer," "electrical engineer," "environmental engineer," "fire protection engineer," "industrial engineer," "manufacturing engineer," "mechanical engineer," "metallurgical engineer," "mining engineer," "minerals engineer," "marine engineer," "nuclear engineer," "petroleum engineer," "plumbing engineer," "structural engineer," "transportation engineer," "software engineer," "computer hardware engineer," or "systems engineer."However, any person who is exempt from licensure under s. 471.003(2)(j) may use the title or personnel classification of "engineer" in the scope of his or her work under that exemption so long as that title does not include or connote the term "professional engineer," "registered engineer," "licensed engineer," "registered professional engineer," or licensed professional engineer."†

(c) Present as his or her own the license of another.†



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59 (d) Give false or forged evidence to the board or a member
60 thereof.~~+~~

61 (e) Use or attempt to use a license that has been
62 suspended, revoked, or placed on inactive or delinquent status.~~+~~

63 (f) Employ unlicensed persons to practice engineering.~~+~~~~or~~

64 (g) Conceal information relative to violations of this
65 chapter.

66 (2) Any person who violates any provision of this section
67 commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as
68 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

69 Section 3. If any law amended by this act was also amended
70 by a law enacted at the 2003 Regular Session or any 2003 special
71 session of the Legislature, such laws shall be construed as if
72 they had been enacted at the same session of the Legislature,
73 and full effect shall be given to each if possible.

74 Section 4. This act shall take effect October 1, 2003.