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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to engineering; amending s. 471.003, F.S.; exempting certain persons in the defense, space, and aerospace industries from licensure under ch. 471, F.S.; amending s. 471.005, F.S.; defining the terms "space or aerospace company" and "defense company"; amending s. 471.031, F.S.; clarifying that certain persons who are exempt from licensure may practice engineering; clarifying which professional titles such exempt persons may use; 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 of the defense, space, or aerospace company who provides engineering for aircraft, space launch vehicles, launch services, satellites, satellite services, or other defense, space, or aerospace-related product or services, or components thereof.

Section 2. Subsections (12) and (13) are added to section 471.005, Florida Statutes, to read:

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31 471.005 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the term:

32 (12) "Space or aerospace company" means any business
 33 entity concerned with the design, manufacture, or support of
 34 aircraft, rockets, missiles, spacecraft, satellites, space
 35 vehicles, space stations, space facilities, or components
 36 thereof, and equipment, systems, facilities, simulators,
 37 programs, products, services, and activities related thereto.

38 (13) "Defense company" means any business entity that
 39 holds a valid Department of Defense contract or any business
 40 entity that is a subcontractor under a valid Department of
 41 Defense contract. The term includes any business entity that
 42 holds valid contracts or subcontracts for products or services
 43 for military use under prime contracts with the United States
 44 Department of Defense, the United States Department of State, or
 45 the United States Coast Guard.

46 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 471.031, Florida
 47 Statutes, is amended to read:

48 471.031 Prohibitions; penalties.--

49 (1) A person may not:

50 (a) Practice engineering unless the person is licensed or
 51 exempt from licensure under this chapter.†

52 (b) 1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2., use the name
 53 or title "professional engineer" or any other title,
 54 designation, words, letters, abbreviations, or device tending to
 55 indicate that such person holds an active license as an engineer
 56 when the person is not licensed under this chapter, including,
 57 but not limited to, the following titles: "agricultural
 58 engineer," "air-conditioning engineer," "architectural
 59 engineer," "building engineer," "chemical engineer," "civil
 60 engineer," "control systems engineer," "electrical engineer,"

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61 "environmental engineer," "fire protection engineer,"
 62 "industrial engineer," "manufacturing engineer," "mechanical
 63 engineer," "metallurgical engineer," "mining engineer,"
 64 "minerals engineer," "marine engineer," "nuclear engineer,"
 65 "petroleum engineer," "plumbing engineer," "structural
 66 engineer," "transportation engineer," "software engineer,"
 67 "computer hardware engineer," or "systems engineer."~~†~~

68 2. Any person who is exempt from licensure under s.
 69 471.003(2)(j) may use the title or personnel classification of
 70 "engineer" in the scope of his or her work under that exemption
 71 if the title does not include or connote the term "professional
 72 engineer," "registered engineer," "licensed engineer,"
 73 "registered professional engineer," or "licensed professional
 74 engineer."

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

76 (d) Give false or forged evidence to the board or a member
 77 thereof.~~†~~

78 (e) Use or attempt to use a license that has been
 79 suspended, revoked, or placed on inactive or delinquent status.~~†~~

80 (f) Employ nonexempt unlicensed persons to practice
 81 engineering.~~†~~~~or~~

82 (g) Conceal information relative to violations of this
 83 chapter.

84 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.