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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to engineering; amending s.
3 471.031, F.S.; providing an exemption from a
4 prohibition against unlicensed persons using
5 the title "engineer"; providing limitations on
6 such exemption; providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Section 471.031, Florida Statutes, as
11 amended by section 3 of chapter 2003-425, Laws of Florida, is
12 amended to read:

13 471.031 Prohibitions; penalties.--

14 (1) A person may not:

15 (a) Practice engineering unless the person is licensed
16 or exempt from licensure under this chapter.

17 (b)1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2., use the
18 name or title "professional engineer" or any other title,
19 designation, words, letters, abbreviations, or device tending
20 to indicate that such person holds an active license as an
21 engineer when the person is not licensed under this chapter,
22 including, but not limited to, the following titles:

23 "agricultural engineer," "air-conditioning engineer,"
24 "architectural engineer," "building engineer," "chemical
25 engineer," "civil engineer," "control systems engineer,"
26 "electrical engineer," "environmental engineer," "fire
27 protection engineer," "industrial engineer," "manufacturing
28 engineer," "mechanical engineer," "metallurgical engineer,"
29 "mining engineer," "minerals engineer," "marine engineer,"
30 "nuclear engineer," "petroleum engineer," "plumbing engineer,"
31 "structural engineer," "transportation engineer," "software

1 engineer," "computer hardware engineer," or "systems
2 engineer."

3 2. Any person who is exempt from licensure under s.
4 471.003(2)(j) may use the title or personnel classification of
5 "engineer" in the scope of his or her work under that
6 exemption if the title does not include or connote the term
7 "professional engineer," "registered engineer," "licensed
8 engineer," "registered professional engineer," or "licensed
9 professional engineer."

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

11 (d) Give false or forged evidence to the board or a
12 member thereof.

13 (e) Use or attempt to use a license that has been
14 suspended, revoked, or placed on inactive or delinquent
15 status.

16 (f) Employ nonexempt unlicensed persons to practice
17 engineering.

18 (g) Conceal information relative to violations of this
19 chapter.

20 (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1)(a), a person who is
21 exempt from licensure under s. 471.003(2)(c) or (e) may use
22 the title or personnel classification of "engineer" in the
23 scope of his or her work under that exemption if the title
24 does not include or connote the term "professional engineer,"
25 "registered engineer," "licensed engineer," "registered
26 professional engineer," or "licensed professional engineer,"
27 and if that person is a graduate of an approved engineering
28 curriculum of 4 years or more in a school, college, or
29 university that has been approved by the board.

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