

By the Committee on Regulated Industries; and Senator Saunders

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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to registered professionals;
 3 amending s. 373.117, F.S.; providing
 4 requirements for certification by appropriate
 5 registered professionals of water resource
 6 activities for which a permit or license and
 7 such certification are required; providing an
 8 effective date.

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

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 12 Section 1. Section 373.117, Florida Statutes, is
 13 amended to read:

14 373.117 Certification by appropriate registered
 15 professionals ~~professional engineer~~.--

16 (1) If an application for a permit or license to
 17 conduct an activity regulated under this chapter requires the
 18 services of appropriate registered professionals ~~a~~
 19 ~~professional engineer~~ as regulated and defined by law ~~chapter~~
 20 ~~471~~, the department or governing board of a water management
 21 district may require, as a condition of granting a permit or
 22 license, that one or more professionals ~~a professional~~
 23 ~~engineer~~ licensed under law ~~chapter 471~~ certify upon
 24 completion of the permitted or licensed activity that such
 25 activity has been completed in substantial conformance with
 26 the plans and specifications approved by the department or
 27 board.

28 (2) The cost of such certification by appropriate
 29 registered professionals ~~a professional engineer~~ shall be
 30 borne by the permittee.

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1 (3) No permitted or licensed activity which is
2 required to be so certified shall be placed into use or
3 operation until the appropriate registered professionals'
4 certificates or seals and signatures are ~~professional~~
5 ~~engineer's certificate is~~ filed with the department or board.

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
7 law.

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9 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
10 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
11 Senate Bill 1878

12 The committee substitute deletes language that included
13 professional geologists in the provision of the Consultants
14 Competitive Negotiation Act. It changes the provision that
15 added professional geologists to the types of services
16 required for certification of any activity regulated under the
17 Florida Water Resources Act of 1972. The committee
18 substitute now provides that the services may be performed by
19 "appropriate registered professionals."
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