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CHAMBER ACTION

The Committee on Business Regulation recommends the following:

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Committee Substitute

Remove the entire bill and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to professional geology; amending s. 373.117, F.S.; providing requirements for certification by a professional geologist of water resource activities for which a permit or license and such certification are required; providing an effective date.

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

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

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373.117 Certification by professional engineer <u>or</u> professional geologist.--

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(1) If an application for a permit or license to conduct an activity regulated under this chapter requires the services of a professional engineer as regulated and defined by chapter 471 or a professional geologist as regulated and defined by chapter 492, the department or governing board of a water management district may require, as a condition of granting a

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permit or license, that a professional engineer licensed under chapter 471 or a professional geologist licensed under chapter 492 certify upon completion of the permitted or licensed activity that such activity has been completed in substantial conformance with the plans and specifications approved by the department or board.

- (2) The cost of such certification by a professional engineer or professional geologist shall be borne by the permittee.
- (3) No permitted or licensed activity which is required to be so certified shall be placed into use or operation until the professional engineer's certificate or the professional geologist's signature and seal are is filed with the department or board.
- Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.