A bill to be entitled

An act relating to signing and sealing by professional

geologists; creating s. 373.1175, F.S.; authorizing the

Department of Environmental Protection and the governing

boards of water management districts to require signing

professional geologists; requiring such cost to be borne

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

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and sealing of certain documents and reports by

by the permit applicant or permittee; providing

construction with respect to professional engineers;

- Section 1. Section 373.1175, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
  - 373.1175 Signing and sealing by professional geologists. --
- (1)If an application for a permit or license, or the performance of an activity regulated under this chapter, requires the services of a professional geologist as provided for in chapter 492, the department or governing board of a water management district may require that a professional geologist licensed under chapter 492 sign and seal any documents and reports submitted in connection with the permit application or regulated activity.
- The cost of such signing and sealing by a professional (2) geologist shall be borne by the permit applicant or permittee.
- Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent or prohibit the practice by professional engineers pursuant to chapter 471.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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