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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to land surveying and mapping; amending s.
 472.013, F.S.; revising requirements to be entitled to
 take the licensure examination to practice in this state
 as a surveyor and mapper; amending s. 472.015, F.S.;
 authorizing certain photogrammetrists to qualify for a
 license by endorsement; amending s. 472.021, F.S.;
 revising liability of partnerships and other business
 entities rendering professional surveying and mapping
 services; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
 472.013, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

472.013 Examinations, prerequisites.--

(2) An applicant shall be entitled to take the licensure
 examination to practice in this state as a surveyor and mapper
 if the applicant is of good moral character and has satisfied
 one of the following requirements:

(b) The applicant is a graduate of a 4-year course of
 study, other than in surveying and mapping, at an accredited
 college or university and has a specific experience record of 6
 or more years as a subordinate to a registered surveyor and
 mapper in the active practice of surveying and mapping, 5 years
 of which shall be of a nature indicating that the applicant was
 in responsible charge of the accuracy and correctness of the
 surveying and mapping work performed. The course of study in

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29 disciplines other than surveying and mapping must have included
30 not fewer than 32 semester hours of study or its academic
31 equivalent. The applicant must have completed a minimum of 25
32 semester hours from a college or university approved by the
33 board of which shall be in surveying and mapping subjects or in
34 any combination of courses in civil engineering, surveying,
35 mapping, mathematics, photogrammetry, forestry, or land law and
36 the physical sciences. Any of the required 25 semester hours of
37 study completed not as a part of the 4-year course of study
38 shall be approved at the discretion of the board. Work
39 experience acquired as a part of the education requirement shall
40 not be construed as experience in responsible charge.

41 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
42 472.015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

43 472.015 Licensure.--

44 (3)(a) The board shall certify as qualified for a license
45 by endorsement an applicant who:

46 1. Holds a valid license to practice surveying and mapping
47 issued prior to July 1, 1999, by another state or territory of
48 the United States; has passed a national, regional, state, or
49 territorial licensing examination that is substantially
50 equivalent to the examination required by s. 472.013; and has a
51 specific experience record of at least 8 years as a subordinate
52 to a registered surveyor and mapper in the active practice of
53 surveying and mapping, 6 years of which must be of a nature
54 indicating that the applicant was in responsible charge of the
55 accuracy and correctness of the surveying and mapping work
56 performed; or

57 2. Holds a valid license to practice surveying and mapping
58 issued by another state or territory of the United States if the
59 criteria for issuance of the license were substantially the same
60 as the licensure criteria that existed in Florida at the time
61 the license was issued; or-

62 3. Is a practicing photogrammetrist who holds the
63 Certified Photogrammetrist designation of the American Society
64 for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing and held such designation
65 on or before July 1, 2005; is a graduate of a 4-year course of
66 study at an accredited college or university; and has a specific
67 experience record of 6 or more years as a subordinate to a
68 Certified Photogrammetrist of the American Society for
69 Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing in the active practice of
70 surveying and mapping, 5 years of which shall be of a nature
71 indicating that the applicant was in responsible charge of the
72 accuracy and correctness of the surveying and mapping work
73 performed. The course of study must have included not fewer than
74 32 semester hours of study or its academic equivalent. The
75 applicant must have completed a minimum of 25 semester hours
76 from a college or university approved by the board in surveying
77 and mapping subjects or in any combination of courses in civil
78 engineering, surveying, mapping, mathematics, photogrammetry,
79 forestry, or land law and the physical sciences. Any of the
80 required 25 semester hours of study completed not as a part of
81 the 4-year course of study shall be approved at the discretion
82 of the board. Work experience acquired as a part of the
83 education requirement shall not be construed as experience in

84 responsible charge. The applicant must have applied to the
 85 department for licensure on or before July 1, 2007.

86 Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 472.021, Florida
 87 Statutes, is amended to read:

88 472.021 Certification of partnerships and corporations.--

89 (3) The fact that any registered surveyor and mapper
 90 practices through a corporation or partnership shall not relieve
 91 the registrant from personal liability for negligence,
 92 misconduct, or wrongful acts committed by him or her.

93 Partnerships and all partners shall be jointly and severally
 94 liable for the negligence, misconduct, or wrongful acts
 95 committed by their agents, employees, or partners while acting
 96 in a professional capacity. Any officer, agent, or employee of a
 97 business organization other than a partnership shall be
 98 personally liable and accountable only for negligent acts,
 99 wrongful acts, or misconduct committed by him or her or
 100 committed by any person under his or her direct supervision and
 101 control while rendering professional services on behalf of the
 102 business organization. The personal liability of a shareholder
 103 or owner of a business organization, in his or her capacity as
 104 shareholder or owner, shall be no greater than that of a
 105 shareholder-employee of a corporation incorporated under chapter
 106 607. The business organization shall be liable up to the full
 107 value of its property for any negligent acts, wrongful acts, or
 108 misconduct committed by any of its officers, agents, or
 109 employees while they are engaged on its behalf in the rendering
 110 of professional services. Corporations and stockholders who are
 111 surveyors and mappers, or partnerships, and all partners, shall

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112 | ~~be jointly and severally liable for the negligence, misconduct,~~
113 | ~~or wrongful acts committed by their agents, employees, officers,~~
114 | ~~or partners while acting in a professional capacity.~~

115 | Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.