

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to land surveying and mapping; amending s.
 3 472.013, F.S.; revising requirements to be entitled to
 4 take the licensure examination to practice in this state
 5 as a surveyor and mapper; amending s. 472.015, F.S.;
 6 authorizing certain photogrammetrists to qualify for a
 7 license by endorsement; amending s. 472.021, F.S.;
 8 revising liability of partnerships and other business
 9 entities rendering professional surveying and mapping
 10 services; amending s. 472.005, F.S.; providing a
 11 definition of "photogrammetrist"; amending s. 472.007,
 12 F.S.; conforming a provision to the definition of
 13 photogrammetrist; providing an effective date.

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

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 17 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 472.013, Florida
 18 Statutes, is amended to read:

19 472.013 Examinations, prerequisites.--

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

24 (a) The applicant received a degree in surveying and
 25 mapping of 4 years or more ~~is a graduate of an approved course~~
 26 ~~of study~~ in a surveying and mapping degree program from a
 27 college or university recognized by the board and has a specific
 28 experience record of 4 or more years as a subordinate to a

29 professional surveyor and mapper in the active practice of
30 surveying and mapping, which experience is of a nature
31 indicating that the applicant was in responsible charge of the
32 accuracy and correctness of the surveying and mapping work
33 performed. The completed surveying and mapping degree of 4 years
34 or more ~~course of study~~ in a surveying and mapping degree
35 program must have included not fewer than 32 semester hours of
36 study, or its academic equivalent, in the science of surveying
37 and mapping or in board-approved surveying-and-mapping-related
38 courses. Work experience acquired as a part of the education
39 requirement shall not be construed as experience in responsible
40 charge.

41 (b) The applicant is a graduate of a 4-year course of
42 study, other than in surveying and mapping, at an accredited
43 college or university and has a specific experience record of 6
44 or more years as a subordinate to a registered surveyor and
45 mapper in the active practice of surveying and mapping, 5 years
46 of which shall be of a nature indicating that the applicant was
47 in responsible charge of the accuracy and correctness of the
48 surveying and mapping work performed. The course of study in
49 disciplines other than surveying and mapping must have included
50 not fewer than 32 semester hours of study or its academic
51 equivalent. The applicant must have completed a minimum of 25
52 semester hours from a college or university approved by the
53 board of which shall be in surveying and mapping subjects or in
54 any combination of courses in civil engineering, surveying,
55 mapping, mathematics, photogrammetry, forestry, or land law and
56 the physical sciences. Any of the required 25 semester hours of

57 study completed not as a part of the 4-year course of study
 58 shall be approved at the discretion of the board. Work
 59 experience acquired as a part of the education requirement shall
 60 not be construed as experience in responsible charge.

61 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
 62 472.015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

63 472.015 Licensure.--

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

66 1. Holds a valid license to practice surveying and mapping
 67 issued prior to July 1, 1999, by another state or territory of
 68 the United States; has passed a national, regional, state, or
 69 territorial licensing examination that is substantially
 70 equivalent to the examination required by s. 472.013; and has a
 71 specific experience record of at least 8 years as a subordinate
 72 to a registered surveyor and mapper in the active practice of
 73 surveying and mapping, 6 years of which must be of a nature
 74 indicating that the applicant was in responsible charge of the
 75 accuracy and correctness of the surveying and mapping work
 76 performed; ~~or~~

77 2. Holds a valid license to practice surveying and mapping
 78 issued by another state or territory of the United States if the
 79 criteria for issuance of the license were substantially the same
 80 as the licensure criteria that existed in Florida at the time
 81 the license was issued; or-

82 3. Is a practicing photogrammetrist who holds the
 83 Certified Photogrammetrist designation of the American Society
 84 for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing and held such designation

85 on or before July 1, 2005; is a graduate of a 4-year course of
86 study at an accredited college or university; and has a specific
87 experience record of 6 or more years as a subordinate to a
88 Certified Photogrammetrist of the American Society for
89 Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing in the active practice of
90 surveying and mapping, 5 years of which shall be of a nature
91 indicating that the applicant was in responsible charge of the
92 accuracy and correctness of the surveying and mapping work
93 performed. The course of study must have included not fewer than
94 32 semester hours of study or its academic equivalent. The
95 applicant must have completed a minimum of 25 semester hours
96 from a college or university approved by the board in surveying
97 and mapping subjects or in any combination of courses in civil
98 engineering, surveying, mapping, mathematics, photogrammetry,
99 forestry, or land law and the physical sciences. Any of the
100 required 25 semester hours of study completed not as a part of
101 the 4-year course of study shall be approved at the discretion
102 of the board. Work experience acquired as a part of the
103 education requirement shall not be construed as experience in
104 responsible charge. The applicant must have applied to the
105 department for licensure on or before July 1, 2007.

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

108 472.021 Certification of partnerships and corporations.--

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

113 Partnerships and all partners shall be jointly and severally
 114 liable for the negligence, misconduct, or wrongful acts
 115 committed by their agents, employees, or partners while acting
 116 in a professional capacity. Any officer, agent, or employee of a
 117 business organization other than a partnership shall be
 118 personally liable and accountable only for negligent acts,
 119 wrongful acts, or misconduct committed by him or her or
 120 committed by any person under his or her direct supervision and
 121 control while rendering professional services on behalf of the
 122 business organization. The personal liability of a shareholder
 123 or owner of a business organization, in his or her capacity as
 124 shareholder or owner, shall be no greater than that of a
 125 shareholder-employee of a corporation incorporated under chapter
 126 607. The business organization shall be liable up to the full
 127 value of its property for any negligent acts, wrongful acts, or
 128 misconduct committed by any of its officers, agents, or
 129 employees while they are engaged on its behalf in the rendering
 130 of professional services. Corporations and stockholders who are
 131 ~~surveyors and mappers, or partnerships, and all partners, shall~~
 132 ~~be jointly and severally liable for the negligence, misconduct,~~
 133 ~~or wrongful acts committed by their agents, employees, officers,~~
 134 ~~or partners while acting in a professional capacity.~~

135 Section 4. Subsection (8) of section 472.005, Florida
 136 Statutes, is amended to read:

137 472.005 Definitions.--As used in ss. 472.001-472.037:

138 (8) "Photogrammetrist" ~~"Photogrammetric mapper"~~ means any
 139 person who engages in the practice of surveying and mapping

140 using aerial or terrestrial photography or other sources of
 141 images.

142 Section 5. Section 472.007, Florida Statutes, is amended
 143 to read:

144 472.007 Board of Professional Surveyors and
 145 Mappers.--There is created in the Department of Business and
 146 Professional Regulation the Board of Professional Surveyors and
 147 Mappers. The board shall consist of nine members, six of whom
 148 shall be registered surveyors and mappers primarily engaged in
 149 the practice of surveying and mapping, one of whom shall be a
 150 registered surveyor and mapper with the designation of
 151 photogrammetrist ~~photogrammetric mapper~~, and two of whom shall
 152 be laypersons who are not and have never been surveyors and
 153 mappers or members of any closely related profession or
 154 occupation. Members shall be appointed for 4-year terms.

155 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.