

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Ray offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove lines 89-134 and insert:

5 Section 4. Effective March 1, 2015, subsection (3) of
6 section 471.017, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7 471.017 Renewal of license.—

8 (3) (a) The board shall require a demonstration of
9 continuing professional competency of engineers as a condition
10 of license renewal or relicensure. Every licensee must complete
11 9 continuing education ~~4 professional development~~ hours, for
12 each year of the license renewal period, totaling 18 continuing
13 education hours for the license renewal period. For each renewal
14 period for such continuing education: ~~7~~ 4

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15 1. One hour must ~~hours shall~~ relate to this chapter and
16 the rules adopted under this chapter.

17 2. One hour must relate to professional ethics. ~~and the~~
18 ~~remaining 4~~

19 3. Four hours must ~~shall~~ relate to the licensee's area of
20 practice.

21 4. The remaining hours may relate to any topic pertinent
22 to the practice of engineering.

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24 Continuing education hours may be earned by presenting or
25 attending seminars, in-house or nonclassroom courses, workshops,
26 or professional or technical presentations made at meetings,
27 webinars, conventions, or conferences, including those presented
28 by vendors with specific knowledge related to the licensee's
29 area of practice. Up to 4 hours may be earned by serving as an
30 officer or actively participating on a committee of a board-
31 recognized professional or technical engineering society. The 2
32 required continuing education hours relating to this chapter,
33 the rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, and ethics may be
34 earned by serving as a member of the Legislature or as an
35 elected state or local official. The hours required pursuant to
36 s. 471.0195 may apply to any requirements of this section except
37 for those required under subparagraph 1.

38 (b) The board shall adopt rules that are substantially
39 consistent with the most recent published version of the
40 Continuing Professional Competency Guidelines of the National

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41 Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying, ~~for~~
42 ~~multijurisdictional licensees for the purpose of avoiding~~
43 ~~proprietary continuing professional competency requirements~~ and
44 shall allow nonclassroom hours to be credited. The board may, by
45 rule, exempt from continuing professional competency
46 requirements retired professional engineers who no longer sign
47 and seal engineering documents and licensees in unique
48 circumstances that severely limit opportunities to obtain the
49 required continuing education ~~professional development~~ hours.

50 Section 5. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
51 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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Remove line 18 and insert:

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providing effective dates.