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 2 An act relating to Structural Engineering Recognition  
 3 Program for Professional Engineers; creating s.  
 4 471.055, F.S.; establishing the Structural Engineering  
 5 Recognition Program for Professional Engineers;  
 6 requiring the Board of Professional Engineers to  
 7 recognize a licensed professional engineer who has  
 8 successfully passed a specified examination; providing  
 9 requirements for application and recognition;  
 10 prohibiting a fee for such application or for  
 11 recognition; authorizing a professional engineer  
 12 recognized by the program to identify such recognition  
 13 in her or his professional practice and marketing and  
 14 advertising materials; providing that recognition by  
 15 the program is not required to practice structural  
 16 engineering; requiring rulemaking; providing an  
 17 effective date.

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

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 21 Section 1. Section 471.055, Florida Statutes, is created  
 22 to read:

23 471.055 Structural Engineering Recognition Program for  
 24 Professional Engineers.—

25 (1) The board shall establish the Structural Engineering

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26 Recognition Program for Professional Engineers to recognize  
 27 professional engineers who specialize in structural engineering  
 28 and have gone above and beyond the required minimum professional  
 29 engineer licensing standards. The board shall establish minimum  
 30 requirements to receive recognition through the program. The  
 31 board must recognize any licensed professional engineer who has  
 32 successfully passed the National Council of Examiners for  
 33 Engineering and Surveying Structural Engineering 16-hour PE  
 34 Structural examination or any other examination approved by the  
 35 board. In addition, the board may recognize any licensed  
 36 professional engineer who specializes in structural engineering  
 37 based on alternative criteria determined by the board.

38 (2) Upon application to the board, a professional engineer  
 39 who has the minimum program requirements shall be recognized as  
 40 a professional engineer who has gone above and beyond in the  
 41 field of structural engineering. The board may not collect a fee  
 42 for such application or for recognition by the program.

43 (3) A professional engineer who is recognized by the  
 44 program may identify such recognition in her or his professional  
 45 practice, including in marketing and advertising materials.

46 (4) Recognition by the program is not required for a  
 47 professional engineer to practice structural engineering.

48 (5) The board shall adopt rules to implement this section.

49 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.