

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1285

BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1214, IDAHO CODE,
2 TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING EXAMINATIONS THAT ARE OFFERED, TO REVISE
3 PROVISIONS REGARDING A CANDIDATE WHO FAILS AN EXAMINATION AND TO PRO-
4 VIDE THAT THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A CONTINGENT LICENSE TO ENGINEERING FAC-
5 ULTY UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 SECTION 1. That Section 54-1214, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
9 amended to read as follows:

10 54-1214. EXAMINATIONS. (1) Examinations will be held at such times and
11 places as the board directs. The board shall determine the acceptable grade
12 on examinations.

13 (2) Written professional examinations may be taken only after the ap-
14 plicant has met the other minimum requirements as given in section 54-1212,
15 Idaho Code, ~~and has been approved by the board for admission to the examina-~~
16 ~~tions as follows.~~ The following examinations shall be offered:

17 (a) Fundamentals of Engineering -- The examination consists of a test
18 on the fundamentals of engineering acceptable to the board. Passing
19 this examination qualifies the examinee for an engineer intern cer-
20 tificate, provided he has met all other requirements of certification
21 required by this chapter.

22 (b) Principles and Practice of Engineering -- The professional engi-
23 neering examination consists of a test on applied engineering accept-
24 able to the board. Passing this examination qualifies the examinee for
25 licensure as a professional engineer, provided he has met the other re-
26 quirements for licensure required by this chapter.

27 (c) Fundamentals of Surveying -- The examination consists of a test on
28 the fundamentals of surveying acceptable to the board. Passing this
29 examination qualifies the examinee for a land surveyor intern cer-
30 tificate, provided he has met all other requirements for certification
31 required by this chapter.

32 (d) Principles and Practice of Surveying -- The professional surveying
33 examination consists of a test on applied surveying acceptable to the
34 board. Passing this examination qualifies the examinee for licensure
35 as a professional land surveyor, provided he has met the other require-
36 ments for licensure required by this chapter.

37 (3) A candidate failing all or part of a professional engineering or
38 professional land surveying examination ~~for the first time may apply for~~
39 request reexamination, which may be granted upon payment of an application
40 fee equal to the application fee for the required examination plus a separate
41 examination fee paid by the applicant directly to the entity designated by
42 the board. In the event of a second failure, the examinee shall be required

1 to obtain a minimum of one (1) additional year of experience, acceptable
2 to the board, from the date of the second examination failure, and submit
3 evidence of having completed an additional eight (8) semester credits of
4 college level academic education relating to the examination that may in-
5 clude a professional engineering or professional surveying review course,
6 before the board will consider that he has acquired the necessary additional
7 knowledge to warrant assignment to a third examination. ~~The separate ap-~~
8 ~~plication and examination fees shall be as set forth herein.~~ In the event
9 of a third or subsequent failure, the examinee shall be required to obtain
10 a minimum of three (3) additional years of experience, acceptable to the
11 board, from the date of the third or subsequent examination failure, and sub-
12 mit evidence of having completed an additional twelve (12) semester credits
13 of college level academic education relating to the examination that may
14 include a second professional engineering or professional surveying review
15 course, before the board will consider that he has acquired the necessary
16 additional knowledge to warrant assignment to a subsequent examination. The
17 separate application and examination fees shall be as set forth herein.

18 (4) The board may prepare and adopt specifications for the ~~written~~ ex-
19 aminations in engineering and land surveying.

20 (5) The board may issue a contingent license to engineering faculty
21 with an earned doctorate degree. The license shall be contingent on the
22 licensee remaining employed by a college or university in this state. The
23 board may waive technical examinations for such licenses in lieu of other
24 requirements prescribed by rule.