

**SB2736**



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Introduced 1/28/2014, by Sen. Iris Y. Martinez

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

225 ILCS 325/10	from Ch. 111, par. 5210
225 ILCS 325/11	from Ch. 111, par. 5211
225 ILCS 330/11	from Ch. 111, par. 3261
225 ILCS 340/11	from Ch. 111, par. 6611

Amends the Professional Engineering Practice Act of 1989, the Illinois Professional Land Surveyor Act of 1989, and the Structural Engineering Practice Act of 1989. Provides that certain examinations under the Acts be defined by rule rather than 8-hour written examinations. Effective immediately.

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**A BILL FOR**

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Professional Engineering Practice Act of  
5 1989 is amended by changing Sections 10 and 11 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 325/10) (from Ch. 111, par. 5210)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)

8 Sec. 10. Minimum standards for licensure as professional  
9 engineer. To qualify for licensure as a professional engineer  
10 each applicant shall be:

11 (a) A graduate of an approved engineering curriculum of  
12 at least 4 years who submits acceptable evidence to the  
13 Board of an additional 4 years or more of experience in  
14 engineering work of a grade and character which indicate  
15 that the individual may be competent to practice  
16 professional engineering, and who has passed an ~~a nominal~~  
17 ~~8-hour written~~ examination in the fundamentals of  
18 engineering as defined by rule, and an ~~a nominal 8-hour~~  
19 ~~written~~ examination in the principles and practice of  
20 engineering as defined by rule. Upon submitting an  
21 application with proof of passing both examinations, the  
22 applicant, if otherwise qualified, shall be granted a  
23 license to practice professional engineering in this

1 State; or

2 (b) A graduate of a non-approved engineering  
3 curriculum or a related science curriculum of at least 4  
4 years and which meets the requirements as set forth by rule  
5 by submitting an application to the Department for its  
6 review and approval, who submits acceptable evidence to the  
7 Board of an additional 8 years or more of experience in  
8 engineering work of a grade and character which indicate  
9 that the individual may be competent to practice  
10 professional engineering, and who has passed an ~~a nominal~~  
11 ~~8-hour written~~ examination in the fundamentals of  
12 engineering as defined by rule and an ~~a nominal 8-hour~~  
13 ~~written~~ examination in the principles and practice of  
14 engineering as defined by rule. Upon submitting the  
15 application with proof of passing both examinations, the  
16 applicant, if otherwise qualified, shall be granted a  
17 license to practice professional engineering in this  
18 State; or

19 (c) An Illinois engineer intern, by application and  
20 payment of the required fee, may then take an ~~the nominal~~  
21 ~~8-hour written~~ examination in the principles and practice  
22 of engineering as defined by rule. If the applicant passes  
23 that examination and submits evidence to the Board that  
24 meets the experience qualification of subsection (a) or (b)  
25 of this Section, the applicant, if otherwise qualified,  
26 shall be granted a license to practice professional

1 engineering in this State.

2 When considering an applicant's qualifications for  
3 licensure under this Act, the Department may take into  
4 consideration whether an applicant has engaged in conduct or  
5 actions that would constitute a violation of the Standards of  
6 Professional Conduct for this Act as provided for by  
7 administrative rules.

8 (Source: P.A. 96-626, eff. 8-24-09; 96-850, eff. 6-1-10;  
9 97-333, eff. 8-12-11.)

10 (225 ILCS 325/11) (from Ch. 111, par. 5211)

11 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)

12 Sec. 11. Minimum standards for examination for enrollment  
13 as engineer intern. Each of the following is considered a  
14 minimum standard that an applicant must satisfy to qualify for  
15 enrollment as an engineer intern.

16 (a) A graduate of an approved engineering curriculum of at  
17 least 4 years, who has passed an ~~a nominal 8 hour written~~  
18 examination in the fundamentals of engineering as defined by  
19 rule, shall be enrolled as an engineer intern, if the applicant  
20 is otherwise qualified; or

21 (b) An applicant in the last year of an approved  
22 engineering curriculum who passes an ~~a nominal 8 hour written~~  
23 examination in the fundamentals of engineering as defined by  
24 rule and furnishes proof that the applicant graduated within a  
25 12 month period following the examination shall be enrolled as

1 an engineer intern, if the applicant is otherwise qualified; or

2 (c) A graduate of a non-approved engineering curriculum or  
3 a related science curriculum of at least 4 years and which  
4 meets the requirements as set forth by rule by submitting an  
5 application to the Department for its review and approval, who  
6 submits acceptable evidence to the Board of an additional 4  
7 years or more of progressive experience in engineering work,  
8 and who has passed an ~~a nominal 8 hour written~~ examination in  
9 the fundamentals of engineering as defined by rule shall be  
10 enrolled as an engineer intern, if the applicant is otherwise  
11 qualified.

12 (Source: P.A. 96-626, eff. 8-24-09; 96-850, eff. 6-1-10.)

13 Section 10. The Illinois Professional Land Surveyor Act of  
14 1989 is amended by changing Section 11 as follows:

15 (225 ILCS 330/11) (from Ch. 111, par. 3261)

16 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)

17 Sec. 11. Examination; Failure or refusal to take. The  
18 Department shall authorize examinations, as recommended and  
19 approved by the Board, for licensure as Land  
20 Surveyors-in-Training and Professional Land Surveyors at such  
21 times and places as it may determine.

22 The examination of an applicant for licensure as a Land  
23 Surveyor-in-Training or a Professional Land Surveyor may  
24 include examinations ~~written tests~~ as defined by rule. The

1 substance and form of the examination shall be as recommended  
2 and approved by the Board. Each applicant shall be examined as  
3 to his knowledge of the statutes of the United States of  
4 America and the State of Illinois relating to the practice of  
5 land surveying and mathematics as applied to land surveying.

6 All applicants for licensing as a Professional Land  
7 Surveyor shall be required to pass, as a portion of the  
8 examination, a jurisdictional examination to determine the  
9 applicant's knowledge of the surveying tasks unique to the  
10 State of Illinois, and the laws relating thereto.

11 Applicants for any examination shall be required to pay,  
12 either to the Department or the designated testing service, a  
13 fee covering the cost of providing the examination. Failure to  
14 appear for the examination on the scheduled date, at the time  
15 and place specified, after the applicant's application for  
16 examination has been received and acknowledged by the  
17 Department or the designated testing service, shall result in  
18 the forfeiture of the examination fee. If an applicant  
19 neglects, fails, or refuses to take an examination for  
20 registration under this Act within 3 years after filing his  
21 application, the application fee shall be forfeited to the  
22 Department and the application denied. However, the applicant  
23 may thereafter make a new application for examination,  
24 accompanied by the required fee.

25 (Source: P.A. 86-987.)

1 Section 15. The Structural Engineering Practice Act of 1989  
2 is amended by changing Section 11 as follows:

3 (225 ILCS 340/11) (from Ch. 111, par. 6611)

4 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)

5 Sec. 11. A person is qualified for enrollment as a  
6 structural engineer intern or licensure as a structural  
7 engineer if that person has applied in writing in form and  
8 substance satisfactory to the Department and:

9 (a) The applicant is of good moral character. In  
10 determining moral character under this Section, the Department  
11 may take into consideration whether the applicant has engaged  
12 in conduct or actions that would constitute grounds for  
13 discipline under this Act.

14 (a-5) The applicant, if a structural engineer intern  
15 applicant, has met the minimum standards for enrollment as a  
16 structural engineer intern, which are as follows:

17 (1) is a graduate of an approved structural engineering  
18 curriculum of at least 4 years meeting the requirements as  
19 set forth by rule and passes a nominal ~~8-hour written~~  
20 examination as defined by rule in the fundamentals of  
21 engineering; or

22 (2) is a graduate of a related science curriculum of at  
23 least 4 years meeting the requirements as set forth by rule  
24 and passes a nominal ~~8-hour written~~ examination as defined  
25 by rule in the fundamentals of engineering.

1 (b) The applicant, if a structural engineer applicant, has  
2 met the minimum standards for licensure as a structural  
3 engineer, which are as follows:

4 (1) is a graduate of an approved structural engineering  
5 curriculum of at least 4 years meeting the requirements as  
6 set forth by rule and submits evidence acceptable to the  
7 Department of an additional 4 years or more of experience  
8 in structural engineering work of a grade and character  
9 which indicates that the individual may be competent to  
10 practice structural engineering as set forth by rule; or

11 (2) is a graduate of an approved related science  
12 curriculum of at least 4 years meeting the requirements as  
13 set forth by rule who submits evidence acceptable to the  
14 Department of an additional 8 years or more of progressive  
15 experience in structural engineering work of a grade and  
16 character which indicates that the individual may be  
17 competent to practice structural engineering as set forth  
18 by rule.

19 (c) The applicant, if a structural engineer applicant, has  
20 passed an examination authorized by the Department as  
21 determined by rule to determine his or her fitness to receive a  
22 license as a structural engineer.

23 (Source: P.A. 96-610, eff. 8-24-09.)

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
25 becoming law.