

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 81

BY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1  
2 RELATING TO GEOLOGISTS; AMENDING SECTION 54-2812, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE  
3 LANGUAGE RELATING TO EXAMINATIONS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS;  
4 AND AMENDING SECTION 54-2814, IDAHO CODE, TO CLARIFY THE EXAMINATION  
5 PROCESS.

6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Section 54-2812, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 54-2812. QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION. (1) ~~All applicants shall~~  
10 ~~successfully pass an examination given by or under the supervision of the~~  
11 ~~board.~~ No applicant shall be registered having habits of character that  
12 would justify revocation or suspension of registration, as provided in  
13 section 54-2819, Idaho Code. The following shall be considered as minimum  
14 evidence that the applicant is qualified ~~to take an examination~~ for regis-  
15 tration as a professional geologist:

16 (2a) Completion of thirty (30) semester units in courses in geological  
17 science leading to a degree in the geological sciences of which at least  
18 twenty-four (24) units are in third or fourth year, and/or graduate  
19 courses, successfully pass examinations approved by the board; and have  
20 at least seven (7) years of professional geological work which shall  
21 include either a minimum of three (3) years of professional geological  
22 work under the supervision of a registered geologist; or, wherein the  
23 applicant has been under the direct supervision of an individual ac-  
24 ceptable to the board, or, wherein the applicant has demonstrated five  
25 (5) years of progressive experience in responsible charge of geological  
26 work that is acceptable to the board.

27 (b) Each year of undergraduate study in the geological sciences shall  
28 count as one-half (1/2) year of training up to a maximum of two (2)  
29 years, and each year of graduate study or research counts as a year of  
30 training.

31 (c) Teaching in the geological sciences at college level shall be cred-  
32 ited year for year toward meeting the requirement in this category,  
33 provided that the total annual teaching experience includes six (6)  
34 semester units of third or fourth year or graduate courses.

35 (d) Credit for undergraduate study, graduate study, and teaching, in-  
36 dividually, or in any combination thereof, shall in no case exceed a to-  
37 tal of four (4) years towards meeting the requirement for at least seven  
38 (7) years of professional geological work ~~as set forth above~~ pursuant to  
39 this section.

40 (e) The ability of the applicant shall have been demonstrated by having  
41 performed the work in a responsible position, as the term "responsible  
42 position" is defined in rules adopted by the board. The adequacy of the

1 required supervision and experience shall be determined in accordance  
2 with standards set forth in the rules adopted by the board.

3 (f) Three (3) references from geologists in responsible positions must  
4 be filed with the application for registration.

5 (32) A person holding a certificate of registration to engage in the  
6 practice of geology, issued to him by a proper authority of a state, terri-  
7 tory, or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or of any  
8 foreign country, who, in the opinion of the board, meets the requirements of  
9 this chapter, based on verified evidence may, upon application, be regis-  
10 tered without further examination.

11 An applicant otherwise qualified as prescribed in this chapter need not  
12 be actively engaged in the practice of geology to be eligible for registra-  
13 tion.

14 SECTION 2. That Section 54-2814, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 54-2814. EXAMINATION AND FEE -- TIME AND PLACE -- SCOPE -- REEXAMINA-  
17 TION -- REEXAMINATION FEE. Examinations shall be held at such time and place  
18 as the board shall determine. ~~If examinations are required on fundamental~~  
19 ~~geologic subjects, such as are ordinarily given in college curricula, the~~  
20 ~~applicant may be permitted to take this part of the professional examina-~~  
21 ~~tion prior to completion of the requisite years of experience in geologic~~  
22 ~~work, and satisfactory passage of this portion of the professional examina-~~  
23 ~~tion by the applicant shall constitute a credit toward the applicant's com-~~  
24 ~~plete professional examination for a period not to exceed ten (10) years.~~  
25 ~~The examination fee and the reexamination fee shall be set by the rules of the~~  
26 ~~board~~ The complete professional examination for registration as a profes-  
27 sional geologist shall consist of a written examination that covers subjects  
28 ordinarily contained in a college curriculum and a written examination that  
29 covers the practice of geology. The board shall establish by rule the ap-  
30 proved examinations, their passing score and an applicant's eligibility to  
31 take the examinations.

32 ~~The scope of the examination and the methods of procedure shall be pre-~~  
33 ~~scribed by the board with special reference to the applicant's ability to~~  
34 ~~supervise geologic projects so as to ensure the safety of life, health and~~  
35 ~~property. A candidate failing his first examination may apply for reexami-~~  
36 ~~nation within one (1) year of the failed exam without filing a new applica-~~  
37 ~~tion and shall be entitled to such reexamination on payment of the reexamina-~~  
38 ~~tion fee set by the board. A candidate who fails on reexamination, must file~~  
39 ~~a new application before he can again be admitted to examination, and such~~  
40 ~~new application shall not be filed prior to one (1) year following the date~~  
41 ~~of the last examination taken by the applicant; provided, however, that it~~  
42 ~~shall be unlawful for a candidate failing any examination to practice pro-~~  
43 ~~fessional geology under subsections (b) and (c) of section 54-2822, Idaho~~  
44 ~~Code.~~