

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 641

BY REPRESENTATIVE SEABAUGH

FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS: Repeals the La. Professional Geoscience Practice Act

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(21) and to repeal Chapter 8-A of Title 37 of the
3 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 37:711.1 through 711.24,
4 relative to the practice of geoscience; to repeal the public records exemption for
5 records maintained by the La. Board of Professional Geoscientists; to repeal the
6 Louisiana Professional Geoscience Practice Act; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 44:4.1(B)(21) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §4.1. Exceptions

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11 B. The legislature further recognizes that there exist exceptions, exemptions,
12 and limitations to the laws pertaining to public records throughout the revised
13 statutes and codes of this state. Therefore, the following exceptions, exemptions, and
14 limitations are hereby continued in effect by incorporation into this Chapter by
15 citation:

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17 (21) R.S. 37:74, 86, 90, 147, 691, ~~711.10~~, 763, 763.1, 781, 920.1, 969.1,
18 1277, 1278, 1285, 1326, 1518, 1745.15, 1747, 1806, 2156.1, 2406, 2505.1, 3481,
19 3507.1

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1 Section 2. Chapter 8-A of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
2 comprised of R.S. 37:711.1 through 711.24, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Repeals the Louisiana Professional Geoscience Practice Act.

Present law establishes the La. Professional Geoscience Practice Act.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law provides for definitions.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law provides for the applicability of present law.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law establishes the La. Board of Professional Geoscientists and provides for the membership and financial status of the board, the qualifications of the members of the board, the payment of compensation to and reimbursement of expenses of the board members, a minimum amount of required regular meetings per year, the domicile and principal office of the board, and the powers of the board.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law provides for the records and reports of the board. Present law further provides that all records maintained by the board in connection with disciplinary and enforcement proceedings and actions or its administration of examinations, including examinations, answer sheets, solutions, and grade sheets, together with all the background information involving personal and employer references shall be deemed confidential and as such, exempt from the provisions of the Public Records Law.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law authorizes the board to publish a roster of all professional geoscientists.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law prohibits a person from engaging in the practice of geoscience unless the person holds a license issued pursuant to present law and provides for the application for licensure, the requirements for licensure including a professional competency examination and minimum qualifying work experience, licensing reciprocity with other states, temporary licenses, and the expiration and renewal of licenses issued by the board.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law provides for continuing professional development for professional geoscientists.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law provides for a professional seal for professional geoscientists and the use of the seal.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law establishes prohibited acts and provides for disciplinary proceedings against licensees and enforcement actions against nonlicensed persons.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 44:4.1(B)(21); Repeals R.S. 37:711.1-711.24)