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Introduction and first reading
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OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to professional licensing; requiring licensed professional engineers to earn
1.3 professional development hours dedicated to the impact of climate change;
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 326.107, subdivision 1.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 326.107, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Requirements.** (a) Architects, professional engineers, land surveyors,
1.8 landscape architects, geoscientists, and interior designers licensed or certified by this board
1.9 must obtain the number of professional development hours described in paragraphs (b) to
1.10 (d) during each two-year period of licensure or certification identified in section 326.105.
1.11 This requirement must be satisfied during the two-year period prior to biennial renewal
1.12 except for a carryover permitted from the previous renewal period, which must not exceed
1.13 50 percent of the biennial requirement of professional development hours.

1.14 (b) Licensed professional engineers must earn a minimum of 24 professional development
1.15 hours, of which two must be dedicated to professional ethics and two must be dedicated to
1.16 the impacts of climate change on the profession, per biennial renewal except for the carryover
1.17 permitted. The ethics and climate change hours must have been earned during the biennium
1.18 to which they are applied and shall not be used toward carryover.

1.19 (c) Licensed architects, land surveyors, landscape architects, geoscientists, and certified
1.20 interior designers must earn a minimum of 24 professional development hours, of which
1.21 two must be dedicated to professional ethics, per biennial renewal except for the carryover
1.22 permitted. The ethics hours must have been earned during the biennium to which they are
1.23 applied and shall not be used toward carryover.

- 2.1 (d) Dual license or certificate holders who have obtained a license or certificate for two
2.2 professions must earn professional development hours required by the license or certificate
2.3 requiring the greatest number of professional development hours and must obtain in each
2.4 profession a minimum of one-third of the total professional development hours required.
2.5 The remaining one-third requirement may be obtained in either profession at the sole
2.6 discretion of the licensee or certificate holder.