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H.B. No. 2842

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of certain titles by a structural engineer.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 1001, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1001.3085 to read as follows:

Sec. 1001.3085. REGISTERED STRUCTURAL ENGINEER; USE OF TITLE. (a) In this section, "NCEES" means the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying.

(b) The board shall authorize an engineer to use the title "registered structural engineer" if the engineer submits evidence satisfactory to the board showing that the engineer has passed:

(1) 16 hours of NCEES structural engineering examinations, eight hours of which are the Structural II examination taken before January 1, 2011;

(2) 16 hours of state structural engineering examinations taken before 2004;

(3) the NCEES Structural II examination and an eight-hour state structural engineering examination, each taken before January 1, 2011;

(4) the 16-hour NCEES structural engineering examination taken after January 1, 2011; or

(5) another 16-hour structural engineering examination or a combination of structural engineering examinations totaling 16 hours that is substantially equivalent to

1 the 16-hour NCEES structural engineering examination, as  
2 determined by the board.

3 (c) A person may not use the title "registered structural  
4 engineer" unless the person obtains authorization from the board in  
5 accordance with this section.

6 (d) Notwithstanding Section 1001.401(a), an engineer who is  
7 authorized under this section may:

8 (1) obtain a seal in a design authorized by the board,  
9 showing the engineer's name and the legend "Registered Structural  
10 Engineer"; and

11 (2) use the seal for the purposes required by Section  
12 1001.401.

13 (e) Notwithstanding Section 1001.405(e), a business entity  
14 that is registered with the board and actively engaged in the  
15 practice of engineering may use the term "registered structural  
16 engineer" in the manner provided by that subsection if each  
17 service, work, or act performed by the business entity that is part  
18 of the practice of engineering is:

19 (1) personally performed by an engineer authorized  
20 under this section; or

21 (2) directly supervised by an engineer authorized  
22 under this section who is a regular full-time employee of the  
23 business entity.

24 (f) The board shall adopt rules to implement this section.

25 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2021, the Texas Board  
26 of Professional Engineers shall adopt rules necessary to implement  
27 Section 1001.3085, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.