

EMERGENCY BILL

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**By: Chairman, Economic Matters Committee (Departmental - Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 1996

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board for Professional Engineers - Waiver of Examination**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying requirements for waiver of examination to state that the  
4 applicant must meet the education, experience, and examination requirements  
5 currently required by the laws of this State for the Board for Professional Engineers  
6 to grant a waiver of examination; making this Act an emergency measure; and  
7 generally relating to waiver of examination requirements.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Business Occupations and Professions  
10 Section 14-311  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Business Occupations and Professions**

16 14-311.

17 (a) Subject to the provisions of this section, the Board may waive any examination  
18 requirement of this subtitle for an individual who is licensed to practice engineering in  
19 another state or territory of the United States or in a foreign country.

20 (b) The Board may grant a waiver under this section only if the applicant:

21 (1) is of good character and reputation;

22 (2) pays to the Board a license fee of \$100 in lieu of any fee required under  
23 § 14-312 of this subtitle; and

24 (3) provides adequate evidence that:

25 (i) at the time the applicant was licensed by the other state, territory,  
26 or foreign country, the applicant met requirements that were equivalent to those then  
27 required by the laws of this State; or

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1                   (ii) at the time of application for waiver of the examination  
2 requirements under this section, the applicant meets the education [and], experience,  
3 AND EXAMINATION requirements currently required by the laws of this State.

4                   (c) An engineer who is granted a waiver of the examination requirements and  
5 becomes licensed by the Board may not be required to maintain licensure in any other  
6 state, territory, or foreign country as a condition of maintaining the license granted by the  
7 Board.

8                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
9 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has  
10 been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to  
11 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is  
12 enacted.