Chapter 497

(Senate Bill 12)

AN ACT concerning

Professional Engineers – Qualifications for Licensure – Experience Requirements Requirement

FOR the purpose of requiring certain applicants for a license to practice engineering to have a certain number of years of progressive work experience in engineering to qualify for a license; repealing a provision of law that requires a certain applicant for a license to practice engineering to have a certain number of years of work experience in responsible charge of other engineers; and generally relating to licensure requirements for professional engineers.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

Section 14–305(a), $\frac{\text{(b)(2)}}{\text{(b)(1)(ii)}}$ and $\frac{\text{(c)(2)}}{\text{(c)(2)}}$, and $\frac{\text{(d)(2)}}{\text{(d)(2)}}$

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Section 14-305(b)(1)(ii), (e)(2), and (d)(1)(i) 14-305(d)(1)(i)

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

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

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- (a) In addition to the other qualifications for a license set forth in this subtitle, an applicant shall qualify under this section by meeting the educational and experience requirements set forth in subsection (b), (c), or (d) of this section.
 - (b) (1) An applicant qualifies under this section if the applicant:
- (ii) subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, has at least 4 years of **PROGRESSIVE** work experience in engineering that is satisfactory to the Board and that indicates to the Board that the applicant may be competent to practice engineering;

- (2) If an applicant has completed graduate study in engineering that is satisfactory to the Board, it may allow the applicant up to a 1-year credit toward the experience requirement of paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection.
 - (c) An applicant qualifies under this section if the applicant:
- (2) has at least 8 years of **PROGRESSIVE** work experience in engineering that is satisfactory to the Board and that indicates to the Board that the applicant may be competent to practice engineering;
 - (d) (1) An applicant qualifies under this section if the applicant:
- (i) subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, has at least 12 years of **PROGRESSIVE** work experience in engineering that is satisfactory to the Board [, in at least 5 years of which the applicant has been in responsible charge, if the collective experience] **AND THAT** indicates to the Board that the applicant may be competent to practice engineering; and
- (2) If an applicant has completed 1 or more years of a college or university curriculum in engineering that the Board approves, it may allow, for each of those years, a 1-year credit towards the experience requirement of paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2020.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.