

Senate Bill No. 1984

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Secretary of the Senate

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CHAPTER _____

An act to amend Sections 7841 and 7887 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to regulated professions, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1984, Greene. State Board of Registration for Geologists and Geophysicists.

(1) Existing law requires specified qualifications for registration as a geologist that include successfully passing a written examination.

This bill additionally would require that written examination to incorporate a national examination for geologists, and would also require passage of a supplemental California specific examination, as specified.

(2) Existing law specifies the maximum registration and renewal fees that may be fixed by the State Board of Registration for Geologists and Geophysicists and prohibits the board from increasing those fees beyond the amount fixed by the board as of January 1, 1993.

This bill would increase the maximum fee for the filing of an application for registration as a geologist or geophysicist or certification as a speciality geologist or geophysicist and for administration of the examination from \$100 to \$250 and would delete the prohibition against increasing this fee. The bill also would impose an examination fee not to exceed \$300 for each applicant for registration as a geologist and an examination fee not to exceed \$100 for each applicant for registration as a geophysicist or certification as an engineering geologist or a hydrogeologist.

(3) Existing provisions of the Business and Professions Code continuously appropriate the moneys in the Geology and Geophysics Fund, a special fund.

Because this bill would increase the amount of moneys in the fund, it would make an appropriation.

Appropriation: yes.



The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 7841 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

7841. An applicant for registration as a geologist shall have all the following qualifications:

(a) Not have committed any acts or crimes constituting grounds for denial of licensure under Section 480.

(b) Meet one of the following educational requirements fulfilled at a school or university whose geological curricula meet criteria established by rules of the board:

(1) Graduation with a major in geology.

(2) Completion of 30 semester units in geological science courses leading to a major in geology, of which at least 24 units are in the third or fourth year, or graduate courses.

(c) Have at least seven years of professional geological work which shall include either a minimum of three years of professional geological work under the supervision of a registered geologist or a registered civil or petroleum engineer, except that prior to July 1, 1970, professional geological work shall qualify under this subdivision if it is under the supervision of a qualified geologist or a registered civil or petroleum engineer, or a minimum of five years' experience in responsible charge of professional geological work. Professional geological work does not include routine sampling, laboratory work, or geological drafting.

Each year of undergraduate study in the geological sciences shall count as one-half year of training up to a maximum of two years, and each year of graduate study or research counts as a year of training.

Teaching in the geological sciences at college level shall be credited year for year toward meeting the requirement in this category, provided that the total teaching experience includes six semester units per semester, or equivalent if on the quarter system, of third or fourth year or graduate courses.



Credit for undergraduate study, graduate study, and teaching, individually, or in any combination thereof, shall in no case exceed a total of four years towards meeting the requirement for at least seven years of professional geological work as set forth above.

The ability of the applicant shall have been demonstrated by the applicant having performed the work in a responsible position, as the term “responsible position” is defined in regulations adopted by the board. The adequacy of the required supervision and experience shall be determined by the board in accordance with standards set forth in regulations adopted by it.

(d) Successfully pass a written examination that incorporates a national examination for geologists created by a nationally recognized entity approved by the board, and a supplemental California specific examination. The California specific examination shall test the applicant’s knowledge of state laws, rules and regulations, and of seismicity and geology unique to practice within this state. The board shall use the national examination on or before June 30, 2000.

SEC. 2. Section 7887 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

7887. The amount of the fees prescribed by this chapter shall be fixed by the board in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) The fee for filing each application for registration as a geologist or a geophysicist or certification as a specialty geologist or a specialty geophysicist and for administration of the examination at not more than two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250).

(b) The registration fee for a geologist or for a geophysicist and the fee for the certification in a specialty shall be fixed at an amount equal to the renewal fee in effect on the last regular renewal date before the date on which the certificate is issued, except that, with respect to certificates which will expire less than one year after issuance, the fee shall be fixed at an amount equal to 50 percent of the renewal fee in effect on the last regular renewal date before the date on which the certificate is



issued. The board may, by appropriate regulation, provide for the waiver or refund of the initial certificate fee where the certificate is issued less than 45 days before the date on which it will expire.

(c) The duplicate certificate fee at not more than six dollars (\$6).

(d) The temporary registration fee for a geologist or for a geophysicist at not more than eighty dollars (\$80).

(e) The renewal fee for a geologist or for a geophysicist shall be fixed by the board at not more than two hundred dollars (\$200).

(f) The renewal fee for a specialty geologist or for a specialty geophysicist at not more than fifty dollars (\$50).

(g) Notwithstanding Section 163.5, the delinquency fee for a certificate is an amount equal to 50 percent of the renewal fee in effect on the last regular renewal date.

(h) The fees fixed by the board pursuant to subdivisions (e) and (f), as of January 1, 1993, shall not be increased.

(i) Each applicant for registration as a geologist shall pay an examination fee fixed by the board at an amount equal to the actual cost to the board for the purchase of a national examination for geologists created by a nationally recognized entity approved by the board, including a supplemental California specific examination, and shall not exceed three hundred dollars (\$300).

(j) Each applicant for registration as a geophysicist or certification as an engineering geologist or certification as a hydrogeologist shall pay an examination fee fixed by the board at an amount equal to the actual cost to the board for the development and maintenance of the written examination, and shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).



Approved _____, 1998

Governor

