

BILL ANALYSIS

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<u>COMMITTEE:</u>	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure	<u>BILL NO.:</u>	SB 1264
<u>PRIME SPONSOR:</u>	Senator Boscola	<u>PRINTER NO.</u>	1727

Senate Bill 1264 amends the Engineer, Land Surveyor and Geologist Registration Law to provide for continuing education for those licensed by the act (engineers, land surveyors, and geologists), creates a classification of “geologists-in-training.”

The bill requires the Board to become a member of the National Association of State Boards of Geology and pay dues and send delegates to the annual meeting.

The legislation requires an individual licensed by the board to obtain 24 professional development hours of continuing education every two years. Credit will be granted for “actively participating in professional or technical societies relevant to professional practice;” for authoring papers, articles, or books; for teaching college classes; or “presenting or attending qualifying seminars...”

The bill allows for a designation entitled “geologist-in-training,” thereby permitting a geology student to take half of the licensure examination while still in college.

Under present law, the practice of engineering includes the use of any title implying that he is an engineer. The bill makes it clear that this would include the use of the word engineer in its firm or corporate name.

The bill takes effect in 60 days.