From: Jeff Costa
To: Stewart, Amy (DBR)
Subject: New RI PE Rules
Date: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 10:25:03 AM
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Hi Amy,

I read through the new proposed rule changes for the RI PE.

I approve of the changes.

Jeff

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From: Tom H
To: Stewart, Amy (DBR)
Subject: Re: FW: RI PE Regulation - Proposed Amendments
Date: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 3:41:21 PM

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Hi Amy -

Very interesting information - I will definitely read up on that. I don't have a problem with the proposed changes, I just wanted to see where they came from. And now that you mentioned the new pathway to registration, I can also see that. I also did not know there was a professional engineering act in 2021. I'll have to check that out also. Thanks again for the information.

Best Regards,

Tom Hevner
Lincoln, RI

On Tue, Nov 28, 2023 at 11:58 AM Stewart, Amy (DBR) <Amy.Stewart@dbr.ri.gov> wrote:

> Hi Tom,
>
> The Board of Registration for Professional Engineers ("Board") at the Department of Business Regulation has proposed these amendments to streamline procedures and remove redundant or unnecessary regulatory provisions. These changes also reflect the 2021 amendments to the Professional Engineering Act, which updated the licensing requirements and provided a pathway for engineering technology degree applicants.
>
> You can review the summary of substantive changes by clicking on this link, https://rules.sos.ri.gov/Promulgations/part/430-00-00-1, then clicking on the "Overview" tab and scrolling down to the summary of changes.
>
> Regards,
>
> Amy C. Stewart, Esq.

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From: Broadfield, Dawne (DBR) <Dawne.Broadfield@dbr.ri.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2023 8:20 AM
To: Stewart, Amy (DBR) <Amy.Stewart@dbr.ri.gov>
Subject: FW: RI PE Regulation - Proposed Amendments

Hi Amy,

See below.

Dawne Broadfield

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From: Tom H <thevmax1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 24, 2023 4:22 PM
To: Broadfield, Dawne (DBR) <Dawne.Broadfield@dbr.ri.gov>
Subject: Fwd: RI PE Regulation - Proposed Amendments

Hi Dawne -

Is there a simplistic explanation why these regulations are being updated or changed? I looked on the website and there does not seem to be one. Please advise when you get a chance.

Best Regards,

Tom Hevner

Lincoln, RI

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From: **DesignProf, DBR (DBR)** <DBR.Designprof@dbr.ri.gov>
Date: Wed, Nov 22, 2023 at 1:10 PM
Subject: RI PE Regulation - Proposed Amendments
To: DesignProf, DBR (DBR) <DBR.Designprof@dbr.ri.gov>

To All Registered Professional Engineers:

Please be advised the RI Board of Registration for Professional Engineers at the Department of Business Regulation has proposed amendments to 430-RICR-00-00-1, Rules and Regulations for Professional Engineering. The Proposed Amendments and the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, including a summary of the proposed changes, may be found under the "Rulemaking Documents" tab after clicking on this website: https://rules.sos.ri.gov/Promulgations/Part/430-00-00-1.

> The Department is accepting written comments on the proposed amendments which must be submitted no later December 22, 2023, by email to amy.stewart@dbr.ri.gov.
>
> Thank you,
>
> Board of Registration for Professional Engineers
>
> State Building Office
>
> Department of Business Regulation
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> *Tom*

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Tom

From: Thomas DiBlasi
To: Stewart, Amy (DBR)
Subject: FW: RI PE Regulation - Proposed Amendments
Date: Friday, November 24, 2023 10:37:31 AM

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Amy:

I reviewed the proposed changes to the engineering rules and regulations. The re-write must have been a huge undertaking! I did notice one very minor typo in the first sentence of Section 1.5.B (2nd line): the word "***approved***" should be "***approve***".

Kudos to those who were involved with this effort.

Best regards,

Tom

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From: DesignProf, DBR (DBR) <DBR.Designprof@dbr.ri.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2023 1:11 PM
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Thank you,
Board of Registration for Professional Engineers
State Building Office
Department of Business Regulation

From: Pat Walker
To: Nault, Joshua (DBR); Stewart, Amy (DBR)
Subject: PE Regulations
Date: Monday, December 11, 2023 4:00:43 PM

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Good Afternoon

Please note that section D1 notes that the PE stamp must contain the discipline if the PE # is 6366 or later
Section E1 needs to be updated to include the same as it only notes that the stamp shall contain Professional Engineer, but does not include the discipline
The 2 sections should agree

Thank you
Patricia K. Walker, PE

From: John Papitto
To: Stewart, Amy (DBR)
Subject: Fwd: RI PE Regulation - Proposed Amendments
Date: Wednesday, November 22, 2023 8:34:51 PM

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Hi Amy...I have more of a question than comment. Why do you have to be 65 to qualify for retirement status? How about the PE's that retire early?

V/r John Papitto, PE

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From: **DesignProf, DBR (DBR)** <DBR.Designprof@dbr.ri.gov>
Date: Wed, Nov 22, 2023 at 12:59 PM
Subject: RI PE Regulation - Proposed Amendments
To: DesignProf, DBR (DBR) <DBR.Designprof@dbr.ri.gov>

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Thank you,

Board of Registration for Professional Engineers

State Building Office

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From: Vincent Galatro
To: Stewart, Amy (DBR)
Subject: Comment on RI PE Regulation - Proposed Amendments
Date: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 10:49:02 AM

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Regarding proposed amendment H. Retirement Status.

Background and Commentary: As a precedent, other states (e.g.; PA for example) do not stipulate an age threshold to request retirement status. In practical use, the retirement status is useful for professionals in some life situations that are not age dependent. For example, a professional starting a family with young children may need or choose to pause their career for a number of years. By maintaining a retired status during the career pause they mitigate their financial burden and are able to more easily restore their active status upon resuming their career. The regulation as currently written and proposed only allows for an individual in this same situation to let their license expire which has a much higher burden and cost to restore. In summary, the proposed regulation offers 2 statuses for a professional to pause their registration: retired for people above 65 and expired for people below 65. However, the greater cost and burden applied to reinstatement of an expired registration is discriminatory. The most obvious is age discrimination, but this also discriminates on gender. Women are more likely than men to pause a career to start a family which puts a disproportionate burden on female professional engineers in Rhode Island.

Suggestion: Delete the minimum age requirement to request retirement status.

Thank you

Vincent Galatro

From: Joshua Twitty
To: Stewart, Amy (DBR)
Subject: Regulation Comments
Date: Monday, November 27, 2023 10:44:43 AM

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Good morning,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving break. I read over the proposed changes to your regulations, and it looks so great. It was very clear and concise- especially the table that outlines the varying pathways to licensure. I only have one ask- would it be possible to incorporate the following verbiage within the section that covers foreign degrees? The applicant **is listed on the international register of the jurisdiction that is a signatory to one of the International Engineering Alliance Mobility Agreements (APECEA or IPEA).**

Please let me know if you have any questions or want to discuss further.

Thanks,

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From: Broadfield, Dawne (DBR)
To: Ihenacho, Ferdinand (DOT); Stewart, Amy (DBR)
Cc: Nault, Joshua (DBR)
Subject: RE: RI PE Regulation Proposed Amendments - WRITTEN COMMENTS
Date: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 12:21:07 PM

Hi Fred,

There was a period at the end of Amy's email address, which is why it did not go through. She is now emailed on this.

Amy: See below.

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Cc: Ihenacho, Ferdinand (DOT) <ferdinand.ihenacho@dot.ri.gov>; Broadfield, Dawne (DBR) <Dawne.Broadfield@dbr.ri.gov>; Nault, Joshua (DBR) <Joshua.Nault@dbr.ri.gov>
Subject: RI PE Regulation Proposed Amendments - WRITTEN COMMENTS

Good morning Amy:

Following a review of the proposed amendments, hereby submitted are several comments as follows:

1. Under new Section 1.3.1 "Application Requirements – Professional Engineer", it appears that the Board has placed a higher burden (8-year Working Experience) on a United States accredited 4-year Engineering Technology USET degree than on a foreign non-accredited 4-year Engineering degree (6-year Working Experience). One can argue that the Board has the ability to evaluate the educational competencies/efficacies of a USET institution such as MIT, WIT or NEIT, while she does not have the same ability to evaluate the competencies of a foreign non-accredited degree from an institution such as a maritime university located in Katmandu, Nepal (which may have closed 10 years ago). The burden of proof should be higher in the latter case, not lower. Respectfully suggest that the working experience of a USET degree (Category 3) be lowered to six (6) years and a Category 4 be increased to eight (8) years of working under the supervision of a registered PE (registered in any US jurisdiction).

2. Under new Section 1.3.1.D.2 "Professional Engineers under this these rules and regulations

…", delete the word "this".

Respectfully,

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To: Stewart, Amy (DBR)
Subject: Comment on proposed PE regulations
Date: Friday, December 22, 2023 8:56:00 AM

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I would like to explain why the PE Board decided to impose a three-strike rule on the number of takings of the PE and FE Exam to three or a fourth with permission, was based upon the fact that there is a significant repetition of questions from exam to exam, and that is still true today. We did not want someone to pass based on the fact that a candidate became "exam smart" instead of being competent in engineering.

L. Robert Smith, P.E.