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- 1 **Practice of professional engineering.** Directs that no one who is not a licensed professional engineer may use the term engineer, abbreviation, signature, verbal claim, sign advertisement, letterhead, card or similar means, or in any other way make a representation that would lead the public to believe the person was a licensed professional engineer. Also specifies that no public agency, public entity, or unit of government can require a licensed professional engineer to pass any additional test to obtain a license, certification, or other form of approval to perform work as a professional engineer unless an affirmative determination has been made that additional qualifications are necessary to safeguard life, health, and property, and to promote the public welfare. Public entities may impose additional requirements when soliciting contracts.
- 2 **Board established.** Removes obsolete language regarding the makeup of the Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience, and Interior Design.
- 3 **Issuance.** Strikes obsolete language regarding professional geoscience.
- 4 **Needs of physically disabled, inclusion in examination.** Strikes language regarding development of examination questions.
- 5 **Engineer; land surveyor, geoscientist; in-training.** Language update.
- 6 **Reinstatement of expired license or certificate.** Provides expired licenses or certificates may be reinstated after satisfaction of a maximum of 48 hours of professional development.
- 7 **Fees.** Modifies fees as follows:
 - Certified professional interior design applicants: \$25 in-training; \$75 professional license;
 - Architect, professional engineer, land surveyor, landscape architect, or geoscience professional: initial licensure or renewal: \$120 for biennium;
 - Certified interior designer: certification or renewal: \$120 for biennium.
 - Fees must be paid biennially by June 30 of even numbered years.

- Fees for verification of data on examinees, licensees, interior design certificate holders, or in-training certificate holders or requests for transfer of grades: \$25 per request.
- Examination administration fee: \$100.
- All fees nonrefundable.

- 8** **Requirements.** Modifies professional development hours to include professional ethics.
- 9** **Programs and activities.** Specifies that professional development hours must be earned during the biennium to which they are applied.
- 10** **Reports and records.** Increases length of time records must be maintained from two years to four years.
- 11** **Seal.** Strikes requirement that seal design must be approved by the board.