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A BILL

To amend section 4733.151 of the Revised Code to
require professional engineers to complete
continuing professional development hours in
professional ethics or rules relevant to
engineering or surveying practices.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 4733.151 of the Revised Code be
amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4733.151. (A) For registrations expiring on the last
day of December 2011, each registrant for renewal shall have
completed, in calendar year 2011, at least fifteen hours of
continuing professional development for professional engineers
and surveyors. Thereafter, each registrant shall complete at
least thirty hours of continuing professional development during
the two-year period immediately preceding the biennial renewal
expiration date.

(B) The continuing professional development requirement
may be satisfied by coursework or activities dealing with
technical, ethical, or managerial topics relevant to the

practice of engineering or surveying. A registrant may earn 19
continuing professional development hours by completing or 20
teaching university or college level coursework, attending 21
seminars, workshops, or conferences, authoring relevant 22
published papers, articles, or books, receiving patent awards, 23
or actively participating in professional or technical societies 24
serving the engineering or surveying professions. 25

Credit for university or college level coursework shall be 26
based on the credit established by the university or college. 27
One semester hour as established by the university or college 28
shall be the equivalent of forty-five hours of continuing 29
professional development, and one quarter hour as established by 30
the university or college shall be the equivalent of thirty 31
hours of continuing professional development. 32

Credit for seminars, workshops, or conferences offering 33
continuing education units shall be based on the units awarded 34
by the organization presenting the seminar, workshop, or 35
conference. A registrant may earn ten continuing professional 36
development hours for each continuing education unit awarded. 37
Each hour of attendance at a seminar, workshop, or conference 38
for which no continuing education units are offered shall be the 39
equivalent of one continuing professional development hour. 40

A registrant may earn two continuing professional 41
development hours for each year of service as an officer or 42
active committee member of a professional or technical society 43
or association that represents registrants or entities composed 44
of registrants. A registrant may earn ten continuing 45
professional development hours for authoring relevant published 46
papers, articles, or books. A registrant may earn ten continuing 47
professional development hours for each such published paper, 48

article, or book. A registrant may earn ten continuing 49
professional development hours for each patent award. 50

(C) (1) A person registered as both a professional engineer 51
and professional surveyor shall complete at least ten of the 52
thirty hours required under division (A) of this section in 53
engineering-related coursework or activities and at least ten of 54
those thirty hours in surveying-related coursework or 55
activities. 56

(2) Beginning with registrations expiring on or after the 57
last day of December 2017, a person registered as a professional 58
engineer or professional surveyor shall complete at least two of 59
the thirty hours required under division (A) of this section on 60
professional ethics or rules relevant to the practices of 61
engineering or surveying. 62

(D) A registrant is exempt from the continuing 63
professional development requirements of this section during the 64
first calendar year of registration. 65

(E) (1) A registrant who completes more than thirty hours 66
of approved coursework or activities in a biennial renewal 67
period may carry forward to the next biennial renewal period a 68
maximum of fifteen of the excess hours. 69

(2) A person registered as a professional engineer or 70
professional surveyor may carry forward up to two hours on 71
professional ethics or rules earned in excess of the requirement 72
under division (C) (2) of this section as part of the fifteen 73
hour maximum. 74

(F) A registrant shall maintain records to demonstrate 75
completion of the continuing professional development 76
requirements specified in this section for a period of four 77

calendar years beyond the year in which certification of the 78
completion of the requirements is obtained by the registrant. 79
The records shall include all of the following: 80

(1) A log specifying the type of coursework or activity, 81
its location and duration along with the instructor's name, and 82
the number of continuing professional development hours earned; 83

(2) Certificates of completion or other evidence verifying 84
attendance. 85

(G) The records specified in division (F) of this section 86
may be audited at any time by the state board of registration 87
for professional engineers and surveyors. If the board discovers 88
that a registrant has failed to complete coursework or 89
activities, it shall notify the registrant of the deficiencies 90
and allow the registrant six months from the date of the notice 91
to rectify the deficiencies and to provide the board with 92
evidence of satisfactory completion of the continuing 93
professional development requirements. If the registrant fails 94
to provide such evidence within that six-month period, the board 95
may revoke or suspend the registration after offering an 96
adjudication hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the 97
Revised Code. 98

Section 2. That existing section 4733.151 of the Revised 99
Code is hereby repealed. 100