

# SB2909



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 1/26/2024, by Sen. Adriane Johnson

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 325/5

from Ch. 111, par. 5205

Amends the Professional Engineering Practice Act of 1989. Requires the rules the Department of Financial and Professional Regulations adopts as to what constitutes a professional engineering or related science curriculum to include bachelor degree programs in engineering technology as professional engineering or related science curriculum.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Professional Engineering Practice Act of  
5 1989 is amended by changing Section 5 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 325/5) (from Ch. 111, par. 5205)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

8 Sec. 5. Powers and duties of the Department. The  
9 Department shall exercise, subject to the provisions of this  
10 Act, the following functions, powers, and duties:

11 (a) Authorize examinations to ascertain the fitness  
12 and qualifications of applicants for licensure and pass  
13 upon the qualifications and fitness of applicants for  
14 licensure by endorsement.

15 (b) Adopt rules required for the administration of  
16 this Act.

17 (c) Conduct hearings on proceedings to refuse to issue  
18 or renew, restore, revoke, or suspend licenses or place on  
19 probation or reprimand persons or entities licensed under  
20 the provisions of this Act.

21 (d) Issue licenses to those who meet the requirements  
22 of this Act.

23 (e) Adopt rules as to what shall constitute a

1 professional engineering or related science curriculum.  
2 Rules adopted by the Department shall accept bachelor  
3 degree programs in engineering technology as professional  
4 engineering or related science curriculum.

5 (f) Adopt rules for what constitutes professional  
6 engineering experience.

7 (g) Maintain membership in the National Council of  
8 Examiners for Engineering and Surveying and participate in  
9 activities of the Council by designation of individuals  
10 for the various classifications of membership, the  
11 appointment of delegates for attendance at zone and  
12 national meetings of the Council, and the funding of the  
13 delegates for attendance at the meetings of the Council.

14 (h) Adopt rules for standards of professional conduct.

15 (i) Obtain written recommendations from the Board  
16 regarding qualifications of individuals for licensure and  
17 enrollment, definitions of curriculum content and approval  
18 of engineering curricula, standards of professional  
19 conduct and formal disciplinary actions, and the adoption  
20 of the rules affecting these matters.

21 Upon the issuance of any final decision or order that  
22 deviates from any report or recommendation of the Board  
23 relating to the qualification of applicants, discipline of  
24 licensees or registrants, or adoption of rules, the  
25 Secretary shall notify the Board on any such deviation and  
26 shall specify with particularity the reasons for the

1           action in the final decision or order. The Department may  
2           at any time seek the expert advice and knowledge of the  
3           Board on any matter relating to the enforcement of this  
4           Act.

5           (i) Post on the Department's website, a newsletter  
6           describing the most recent changes in this Act and the  
7           rules adopted under this Act and containing information of  
8           any final disciplinary action that has been ordered under  
9           this Act since the date of the last newsletter.

10          (j) Review such applicant qualifications to sit for  
11          the examination or for licensure as the Board designates  
12          pursuant to Section 7 of this Act.

13          (k) Conduct investigations related to possible  
14          violations of this Act.

15          (Source: P.A. 101-310, eff. 8-9-19.)