

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5206

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Modifying geologist licensing provisions.

Sponsors: Senators Gardner, Prentice, Winsley and Fraser; by request of Department of Licensing.

Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Financial Institutions
House Committee on Commerce & Labor

Background: A law regulating the profession of geology was enacted in 2000. Provisions of the law include the creation of a geologist licensing board, specific requirements for licensure as a geologist, and penalties for practicing geology without a license. The effective date of this law is July 1, 2001.

Summary: Three separate effective dates for the law are specified.

April 1, 2001 is the effective date for provisions of the law including the creation of the geologist licensing board, a geologist's account at the Office of the State Treasurer, and the director's power to adopt rules to carry out the provisions of the law.

July 1, 2001 is the effective date for provisions of the law including requirements for licensure, administration of examinations and certificates, and the criteria and penalties for unprofessional conduct.

July 1, 2002 is the effective date for the provision that practicing geology without a license is a Class 1 civil infraction, punishable by a maximum \$250 fine.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	44	0
House	86	0

Effective: April 18, 2001