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GARY LOCKE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr.,
Secretary of the Senate of the
State of Washington, do hereby
certify that the attached is
SENATE BILL 5065 as passed by the
Senate and the House of
Representatives on the dates
hereon set forth.

MILTON H. DOUMIT JR.

Secretary

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1 AN ACT Relating to obtaining a geologist license; amending RCW
2 18.220.060; adding a new section to chapter 18.220 RCW; providing an
3 expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.220.060 and 2000 c 253 s 7 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 In order to become a licensed geologist, an applicant must meet the
8 following requirements:

9 (1) The applicant shall be of good moral and ethical character as
10 attested to by letters of reference submitted by the applicant or as
11 otherwise determined by the board;

12 (2) The applicant shall have graduated from a course of study in
13 geology satisfactory to the board or satisfy educational equivalents
14 determined by the board;

15 (3) The applicant shall have a documented record of a minimum of
16 five years of experience in geology or a specialty of geology, obtained
17 subsequent to completion of the academic requirements specified in this
18 section, in geological work of a character satisfactory to the board,
19 demonstrating that the applicant is qualified to assume responsible

1 charge of such work upon licensing as a geologist. The board shall
2 require that three years of the experience be gained under the
3 supervision of a geologist licensed in this or any other state, or
4 under the supervision of others who, in the opinion of the board, are
5 qualified to have responsible charge of geological work;

6 (4) The applicant shall have passed an examination covering the
7 fundamentals and practice of geology prescribed or accepted by the
8 board;

9 (5) The applicant shall meet other general or individual
10 requirements established by the board pursuant to its authority under
11 this chapter;

12 (6) For licensing in any geological specialty recognized under this
13 chapter, an applicant must first be a licensed geologist under this
14 chapter, and then meet the following requirements:

15 (a) In addition to the educational requirements for licensing as a
16 geologist defined in subsection (2) of this section, an applicant for
17 licensing in any specialty of geology established by the board shall
18 have successfully completed advanced study pertinent to their
19 specialty, or equivalent seminars or on-the-job training acceptable to
20 the board;

21 (b) The applicant's experience shall include a documented record of
22 five years of experience, after completion of the academic requirements
23 specified in this subsection, in geological work in the applicable
24 specialty of a character satisfactory to the board, and demonstrating
25 that the applicant is qualified to assume responsible charge of the
26 specialty work upon licensing in that specialty of geology. The board
27 shall require that three years of the experience be gained under the
28 supervision of a geologist licensed in the specialty in this or any
29 other state, or under the supervision of others who, in the opinion of
30 the board, are qualified to have responsible charge of geological work
31 in the specialty; and

32 (c) The applicant must pass an examination in the applicable
33 specialty prescribed or accepted by the board;

34 (7) The following standards are applicable to experience in the
35 practice of geology or a specialty required under subsections (3) and
36 (6) of this section:

37 (a) Each year of professional practice of a character acceptable to
38 the board, carried out under the direct supervision of a geologist who

1 (i) is licensed in this state or is licensed in another state with
2 licensing standards substantially similar to those under this chapter;
3 or (ii) meets the educational and experience requirements for
4 licensing, but who is not required to be licensed under the limitations
5 of this chapter, qualifies as one year of professional experience in
6 geology;

7 (b) Each year of professional specialty practice of a character
8 acceptable to the board, carried out under the direct supervision of a
9 (i) geologist who is licensed in a specialty under this chapter, or who
10 is licensed as a specialty geologist in another state that has
11 licensing requirements that are substantially similar to this chapter;
12 or (ii) specialty geologist who meets the educational and experience
13 requirements for licensing, but who is not required to be licensed
14 under the limitations of this chapter, qualifies as one year of
15 practice in the applicable specialty of geology; and

16 (c) Experience in professional practice, of a character acceptable
17 to the board and acquired prior to one year after July 1, 2001,
18 qualifies if the experience (i) was acquired under the direct
19 supervision of a geologist who meets the educational and experience
20 requirements for licensing under this chapter, or who is licensed in
21 another state that has licensing requirements that are substantially
22 similar to this chapter; or (ii) would constitute responsible charge of
23 professional geological work, as determined by the board;

24 (8) Each year of full-time graduate study in the geological
25 sciences or in a specialty of geology shall qualify as one year of
26 professional experience in geology or the applicable specialty of
27 geology, up to a maximum of two years. The board may accept geological
28 research, teaching of geology, or a geological specialty at the college
29 or university level as qualifying experience, provided that such
30 research or teaching, in the judgment of the board, is comparable to
31 experience obtained in the practice of geology or a specialty thereof;

32 (9) An applicant who applies for licensing (~~within one year after~~
33 ~~July 1, 2001~~) before July 1, 2003, shall be considered to be qualified
34 for licensing, without further written examination, if the applicant
35 possesses the following qualifications:

36 (a)(i) A specific record of graduation with a bachelor of science
37 or bachelor of arts or higher degree, with a major in geology granted

1 by an approved institution of higher education acceptable to the board;
2 or

3 (ii) Graduation from an approved institution of higher education in
4 a four-year academic degree program other than geology, but with the
5 required number of course hours as defined by the board to qualify as
6 a geologist or engineering geologist; and

7 (b) Experience consisting of a minimum of five years of
8 professional practice in geology or a specialty thereof as required
9 under subsections (3) and (7) of this section, of a character
10 acceptable to the board;

11 (10) An applicant who applies for licensing in a specialty within
12 one year after recognition of the specialty under this chapter shall be
13 considered qualified for licensing in that specialty, without further
14 written examination, if the applicant:

15 (a) Is qualified for licensing as a geologist in this state; and

16 (b) Has experience consisting of a minimum five years of
17 professional practice in the applicable specialty of geology as
18 required under subsections (3) and (7) of this section, of a character
19 acceptable to the board; and

20 (11) The geologists initially appointed to the board under RCW
21 18.220.030 shall be qualified for licensing under subsections (7) and
22 (8) of this section.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.220 RCW
24 to read as follows:

25 (1) This chapter permits the state, any state agency or any
26 political subdivision of the state, or a county, city, or other public
27 body to use the services of either a soil scientist engaging in the
28 practice of soil science, as defined in subsection (2) of this section,
29 or a licensed geologist or licensed specialty geologist engaging in the
30 practice of geology, as defined in RCW 18.220.010, to perform work that
31 is within the scope of practice of both professions.

32 (2) For the purpose of this section, "practice of soil science"
33 means the performance of or offer to perform soil science work
34 including, but not limited to, the investigation, evaluation, planning,
35 management, classification, and mapping of soil and the interpretation
36 of soil behavior, including surface erosion, and the inspection and
37 responsible charge of such work.

1 (3) This section expires July 1, 2005.

2 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
3 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
4 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
5 immediately.

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