

2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 358

April 30, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives DUFF, BOCK, VRAKAS, GUNDERSON, GROTHMAN, OTT, HOVEN, RYBA, PETROWSKI and TOWNSEND, cosponsored by Senator GROBSCHMIDT. Referred to Committee on Environment.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 470.025 (2); and *to create* 470.025 (12) and 470.03 (3) of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** exceptions from the requirement to obtain a license to
3 practice professional geology, professional hydrology, or professional soil
4 science and granting rule-making authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires a professional geologist, hydrologist, or soil scientist, other than one employed by the federal government, to be licensed by the examining board (board) of professional geologist, hydrologists and soil scientists. This bill allows a professional geologist, hydrologist, or soil scientist to practice his or her profession without being licensed by the board if that person is employed by a state agency, county, city, village, or regional planning commission. The bill also exempts from the licensure requirement persons engaged in related professions (such as limnology) if the practice of their professions involves only the incidental practice of professional geology, hydrology, or soil science, and they do not designate themselves as professional geologists, hydrologists, or soil scientists.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

5 **SECTION 1.** 470.025 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 470.025 **(2)** An officer or employee of the federal government, a state agency,
2 as defined in s. 16.61 (2) (d), or a local governmental unit, as defined in s. 16.965 (1)
3 (a), while engaged within this state in the practice of professional geology, hydrology,
4 or soil science for the federal government, a state agency, or a local governmental
5 unit.

6 **SECTION 2.** 470.025 (12) of the statutes is created to read:

7 470.025 **(12)** A person engaged in the practice of archaeology, aquatic biology,
8 bacteriology, fish management, forestry, horticulture, limnology, mycology, plant
9 pathology, stream ecology, wetland science, or wildlife management within this state
10 if the person meets all of the following conditions:

11 (a) The practice of those professions by the person involves only the incidental
12 practice of professional geology, hydrology, or soil science.

13 (b) The person does not designate himself or herself as a professional geologist,
14 hydrologist, or soil scientist or use any other title, letters, or designation which
15 represents or may tend to represent that the person is a professional geologist,
16 hydrologist, or soil scientist.

17 **SECTION 3.** 470.03 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

18 470.03 **(3)** Upon the advice of the appropriate section of the examining board,
19 the examining board may promulgate rules that exempt a person who is engaged in
20 a profession related to those listed in s. 470.025 (12) from the requirement to obtain
21 a license under this chapter if the practice of the profession by the person involves
22 only the incidental practice of geology, hydrology, or soil science, and the person does
23 not designate himself or herself as a professional geologist, hydrologist, or soil

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1 scientist or use any other title, letters, or designation that represents or tends to
2 represent that person is a professional geologist, hydrologist, or soil scientist.

3 (END)