



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Assembly Bill 288

Assembly Amendments 1 and 2

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2009 Assembly Bill 288 modifies the education and experience requirements for registration as a professional engineer under current law by providing that an applicant for registration as a professional engineer must submit satisfactory evidence to the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers, and Land Surveyors of one of the following:

- A diploma of graduation or a certificate from an engineering school or college approved by the examining board as of satisfactory standing in an engineering course of not less than four years *and* a specific record of four or more years of experience in engineering work of a character satisfactory to the examining board and indicating that the applicant is competent to be placed in responsible charge of engineering work.
- A diploma of graduation or degree from a technical college in an engineering-related course of study of not less than two years *and* a specific record of six or more years of experience in engineering work of a character satisfactory to the examining board and indicating that the applicant is competent to be placed in responsible charge of engineering work.

Assembly Amendment 1 provides that a diploma of graduation or degree from a technical college must be from a technical college ***approved by the examining board as of satisfactory standing***.

2009 Assembly Bill 288 also removes a requirement under current law that the examination for registration as a professional engineer include questions which require applicants to demonstrate knowledge of the design needs of people with physical disabilities and of the relevant statutes and codes. In removing a cross-reference to this requirement, the bill also removes a separate provision in current law regarding form of examination.

The bill's removal of the provision in current law regarding form of examination was in error. **Assembly Amendment 2** corrects this error and keeps the provision intact.

Legislative History

Assembly Amendments 1 and 2 were offered by Representative Molepske, Jr. On October 20, 2009, the Assembly Committee on Labor recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 and recommended passage of Assembly Bill 288, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0.

On October 29, 2009, the Assembly adopted Assembly Amendments 1 and 2 and passed Assembly Bill 288, as amended, on voice votes.

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