

1983 Assembly Bill 311

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1983 Wisconsin Act 129

AN ACT to amend 443.08 (2), (3) (a) and (4) to (6) of the statutes, relating to authorizing designers of engineering systems to incorporate.

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

SECTION 1. 443.08 (2), (3) (a) and (4) to (6) of the statutes are amended to read:

443.08 (2) The practice of or the offer to practice architecture ~~or~~, professional engineering or designing by individual architects ~~or~~, professional engineers or designers registered or granted a permit under this chapter, through a firm, partnership or corporation as principals, officers, employes or agents, is permitted subject to this chapter, if all personnel who practice or offer to practice in its behalf as architects ~~or~~, professional engineers or designers are registered or granted a permit under this chapter and if the corporation has been issued a certificate of authorization under sub. (3).

(3) (a) A corporation desiring a certificate of authorization shall submit an application with the examining board on forms prescribed by the examining board and provided by the department, listing the names and addresses of all officers and directors, and all individuals in its employment registered or granted a permit to practice architecture ~~or~~, professional engineering or designing in this state who will be in responsible charge of architecture ~~or~~, professional engineering or designing being practiced in this state through the corporation and other relevant information required by the examining board. A similar type of form shall also accompany the biennial renewal fee. If there is a change in any of these persons during the biennium, the change shall be reported on the same type of form, and filed with the examining board within 30 days after the effective date of the change. The examining board shall grant a certificate of authorization to a

corporation complying with this subsection upon payment of the certification fee specified in s. 440.05 (8). This subsection does not apply to corporations exempt under s. 443.14 (3) or (5).

(4) (a) No firm, partnership or corporation may be relieved of responsibility for the conduct or acts of its agents, employees or officers by reason of its compliance with this chapter, nor may any individual practicing architecture ~~or~~, professional engineering or designing be relieved of responsibility for architectural ~~or~~, professional engineering or designing services performed by reason of his or her employment or relationship with the firm, partnership or corporation.

(b) All final drawings, specifications, plans, reports or other architectural ~~or~~, engineering or designing papers or documents involving the practice of architecture ~~or~~, professional engineering or designing prepared for the use of the corporation, for delivery by it to any person or for public record within the state shall be dated and bear the signature and seal of the architect ~~or~~, professional engineer or designer who was in responsible charge of their preparation. This paragraph does not apply to persons exempt under s. 443.14 (3), (4) or (5).

(5) No firm, partnership or corporation may engage in the practice of or offer to practice architecture ~~or~~, professional engineering or designing in this state, or use in connection with its name or otherwise assume, use or advertise any title or description tending to convey the impression that it is engaged in the practice of architecture ~~or~~, professional engineering or designing, nor may it advertise or offer to furnish an architectural ~~or~~, professional engineering or designing service, unless the firm, partnership or corporation has complied with this chapter.

(6) Any firm, partnership or corporation using the word "engineering" or any of its derivatives in its name prior to April 24, 1964, shall be permitted to continue to do so and shall be permitted to use such word in any new firm, partnership or corporation formed as a result of a reorganization of the firm, partnership or corporation, if the firm, partnership or corporation does not practice or offer to practice architecture ~~or~~, professional engineering or designing unless it complies with all other applicable provisions of this chapter.
