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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to engineering; amending s.
3 471.003, F.S.; exempting certain persons in the
4 defense, space, and aerospace industries from
5 licensure under ch. 471, F.S.; amending s.
6 471.005, F.S.; defining the terms "space or
7 aerospace company" and "defense company";
8 amending s. 471.031, F.S.; clarifying that
9 certain persons who are exempt from licensure
10 may practice engineering; clarifying which
11 professional titles such exempt persons may
12 use; providing an effective date.

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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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16 Section 1. Paragraph (j) is added to subsection (2) of
17 section 471.003, Florida Statutes, to read:

18 471.003 Qualifications for practice; exemptions.--

19 (2) The following persons are not required to be
20 licensed under the provisions of this chapter as a licensed
21 engineer:

22 (j) Any defense, space, or aerospace company, whether
23 a sole proprietorship, firm, limited liability company,
24 partnership, joint venture, joint stock association,
25 corporation, or other business entity, subsidiary, or
26 affiliate, or any employee, contract worker, subcontractor, or
27 independent contractor of the defense, space, or aerospace
28 company who provides engineering for aircraft, space launch
29 vehicles, launch services, satellites, satellite services, or
30 other defense, space, or aerospace-related product or
31 services, or components thereof.

1 Section 2. Subsections (12) and (13) are added to
2 section 471.005, Florida Statutes, to read:

3 471.005 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the
4 term:

5 (12) "Space or aerospace company" means any business
6 entity concerned with the design, manufacture, or support of
7 aircraft, rockets, missiles, spacecraft, satellites, space
8 vehicles, space stations, space facilities, or components
9 thereof, and equipment, systems, facilities, simulators,
10 programs, products, services, and activities related thereto.

11 (13) "Defense company" means any business entity that
12 holds a valid Department of Defense contract or any business
13 entity that is a subcontractor under a valid Department of
14 Defense contract. The term includes any business entity that
15 holds valid contracts or subcontracts for products or services
16 for military use under prime contracts with the United States
17 Department of Defense, the United States Department of State,
18 or the United States Coast Guard.

19 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 471.031, Florida
20 Statutes, is amended to read:

21 471.031 Prohibitions; penalties.--

22 (1) A person may not:

23 (a) Practice engineering unless the person is licensed
24 or exempt from licensure under this chapter.†

25 (b)1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2., use the
26 name or title "professional engineer" or any other title,
27 designation, words, letters, abbreviations, or device tending
28 to indicate that such person holds an active license as an
29 engineer when the person is not licensed under this chapter,
30 including, but not limited to, the following titles:
31 "agricultural engineer," "air-conditioning engineer,"

1 "architectural engineer," "building engineer," "chemical
2 engineer," "civil engineer," "control systems engineer,"
3 "electrical engineer," "environmental engineer," "fire
4 protection engineer," "industrial engineer," "manufacturing
5 engineer," "mechanical engineer," "metallurgical engineer,"
6 "mining engineer," "minerals engineer," "marine engineer,"
7 "nuclear engineer," "petroleum engineer," "plumbing engineer,"
8 "structural engineer," "transportation engineer," "software
9 engineer," "computer hardware engineer," or "systems
10 engineer."~~†~~

11 2. Any person who is exempt from licensure under s.
12 471.003(2)(j) may use the title or personnel classification of
13 "engineer" in the scope of his or her work under that
14 exemption if the title does not include or connote the term
15 "professional engineer," "registered engineer," "licensed
16 engineer," "registered professional engineer," or "licensed
17 professional engineer."

18 (c) Present as his or her own the license of another.~~†~~

19 (d) Give false or forged evidence to the board or a
20 member thereof.~~†~~

21 (e) Use or attempt to use a license that has been
22 suspended, revoked, or placed on inactive or delinquent
23 status.~~†~~

24 (f) Employ nonexempt unlicensed persons to practice
25 engineering.~~†~~~~or~~

26 (g) Conceal information relative to violations of this
27 chapter.

28 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
29 law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Exempts certain persons in the defense, space, and aerospace industries from licensure as engineers. Defines terms to conform. Clarifies which professional titles such persons may use.