

HB 425 INTRODUCED BY CORNE', ET AL.  
REVISE EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR  
ENGINEER LICENSE

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1/24 REFERRED TO BUSINESS & LABOR  
2/05 HEARING  
2/05 TABLED IN COMMITTEE

1 *House* BILL NO. *425*  
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Carmel Lybeck*  
 3 *Beck Bachman*  
 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REVISE THE EDUCATION  
 5 AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AS A PROFESSIONAL  
 6 ENGINEER OR ENGINEER-IN-TRAINING; AND AMENDING SECTIONS  
 7 37-67-306 AND 37-67-307, MCA."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

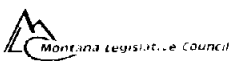
9 Section 1. Section 37-67-306, MCA, is amended to read:  
10 "37-67-306. Qualifications of applicant for  
11 registration as professional engineer. The following is  
12 considered minimum evidence satisfactory to the board that  
13 the applicant is qualified for registration as a  
14 professional engineer:

15 (1) A graduate of an engineering or engineering  
 16 technology curriculum of 4 years or more or a person holding  
 17 a master of science degree or doctorate degree in  
 18 engineering who is approved by the board as being of  
 19 satisfactory standing, with a--specific--record--of an  
 20 additional 4 years or--more of progressive experience on  
 21 engineering projects of-a-grade-and-character-which-indicate  
 22 to-the-board-that-the-applicant-may-be-competent-to-practice  
 23 engineering, shall be admitted to an--8-hour--written  
 24 examination-in-the-fundamentals-of-engineering-and an 8-hour  
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1 written examination in the principles and practices of  
 2 engineering. Upon passing such ~~examinations~~ examination, the  
 3 applicant shall be granted a certificate of registration to  
 4 practice engineering in this state provided he is otherwise  
 5 qualified. Time spent in engineering graduate study shall be  
 6 counted as engineering experience referred to in this  
 7 subsection. Graduate study time shall be counted as  
 8 engineering experience in the same proportion as the ratio  
 9 of credit hours taken is to the number of credit hours  
 10 qualifying for full-time student standing. The ratio is  
 11 limited to a maximum of one.

12 (2) A graduate of a related science curriculum of 4  
 13 years or more, other than engineering or engineering  
 14 technology, with a specific record of 8 years or more of  
 15 progressive experience on engineering projects of a grade  
 16 and character which indicate to the board that the applicant  
 17 may be competent to practice engineering, may be admitted to  
 18 an 8-hour written examination in the fundamentals of  
 19 engineering and an 8-hour written examination in the  
 20 principles and practices of engineering. Upon passing such  
 21 examinations, the applicant shall be granted a certificate  
 22 of registration to practice engineering in this state  
 23 provided he is otherwise qualified.

24 (3) A graduate of an engineering or related science  
 25 curriculum of 4 years or more with a specific record of 20



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1 years or more of progressive experience on engineering  
 2 projects, of which at least 10 years have been in charge of  
 3 important engineering projects, of a grade and character  
 4 which indicate to the board that the applicant may be  
 5 competent to practice engineering shall be admitted to an  
 6 8-hour written examination in the principles and practices  
 7 of engineering. Upon passing such examination, the applicant  
 8 shall be granted a certificate of registration to practice  
 9 engineering in this state provided he is otherwise  
 10 qualified.

11 (4) Engineering teaching in a college or university  
 12 offering an approved engineering curriculum of 4 years or  
 13 more may be considered as engineering experience in these  
 14 requirements provided research, product development, or  
 15 consulting has been a concurrent activity."

16 Section 2. Section 37-67-307, MCA, is amended to read:

17 "37-67-307. Qualifications of applicant for  
 18 registration as engineer-in-training. The following shall be  
 19 considered as minimum evidence that the applicant is  
 20 qualified for certification as an engineer-in-training:

21 (1) A graduate of an engineering or engineering  
 22 technology curriculum of 4 years or more~~7~~ or a person  
 23 holding a master of science degree or doctorate degree in  
 24 engineering who is approved by the board as being of  
 25 satisfactory standing~~7~~ shall be admitted to an 8-hour

1 written examination in the fundamentals of engineering. Upon  
 2 passing such examination, the applicant shall be certified  
 3 or enrolled as an engineer-in-training if he is otherwise  
 4 qualified.

5 (2) A graduate of a related science curriculum of 4  
 6 years or more, other than engineering or engineering  
 7 technology, with a specific record of 4 or more years of  
 8 progressive experience on engineering projects of a grade  
 9 and character satisfactory to the board shall be admitted to  
 10 an 8-hour written examination in the fundamentals of  
 11 engineering. Upon passing such examination, the applicant  
 12 shall be certified or enrolled as an engineer-in-training if  
 13 he is otherwise qualified."

14 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Extension of authority. Any  
 15 existing authority of the board of professional engineers  
 16 and professional land surveyors to make rules on the subject  
 17 of the provisions of this act is extended to the provisions  
 18 of this act.

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