

House Bill No. 1289

An act relating to signing and sealing by professional geologists; creating s. 373.1175, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection and the governing boards of water management districts to require signing and sealing of certain documents and reports by professional geologists; requiring such cost to be borne by the permit applicant or permittee; providing construction with respect to professional engineers; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 373.1175, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

373.1175 Signing and sealing by professional geologists.—

(1) If an application for a permit or license, or the performance of an activity regulated under this chapter, requires the services of a professional geologist as provided for in chapter 492, the department or governing board of a water management district may require that a professional geologist licensed under chapter 492 sign and seal any documents and reports submitted in connection with the permit application or regulated activity.

(2) The cost of such signing and sealing by a professional geologist shall be borne by the permit applicant or permittee.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent or prohibit the practice by professional engineers pursuant to chapter 471.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

Approved by the Governor June 8, 2005.

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