

House Bill 140 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Rogers of the 20<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 43-15-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 general powers of the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land  
3 Surveyors, so as to provide for an exemption for certain eligible engineers and land surveyors  
4 from continuing education requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting  
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 43-15-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the general  
9 powers of the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors,  
10 is amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection to read  
11 as follows:

12 "(b) In addition to other powers conferred upon the board under this chapter, the board  
13 shall through rules and regulations require each person seeking renewal of a certificate of  
14 registration as a professional engineer or a land surveyor to complete board approved  
15 continuing education of not more than 30 hours biennially for professional engineers and  
16 not more than 15 hours biennially for land surveyors. The board shall be authorized to  
17 approve courses offered by institutions of higher learning or offered by other institutions  
18 or organizations. The board shall randomly audit some applications for renewal of a  
19 certificate of registration to enforce compliance with this subsection. The continuing  
20 education requirements adopted by the board shall recognize the continuing education  
21 requirements imposed by other states to the extent that such continuing education courses  
22 meet the requirements imposed by the board. The board shall be authorized to waive the  
23 continuing education requirements in cases of hardship, disability, or illness or under such  
24 other circumstances as the board deems appropriate. The board shall waive the continuing  
25 education requirement for individuals over the age of 65 who have retired from active  
26 practice and who apply for an inactive license and for individuals over the age of 65 who

1 are engaged in the active practice of their profession who have had a valid active license  
2 for the previous 25 consecutive years. The requirement for continuing education including  
3 the exemptions provided for in this subsection shall apply to each licensing renewal cycle  
4 which begins after the 1996 renewal cycle."

5 **SECTION 2.**

6 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.