

House Bill 18

By: Representatives Spencer of the 180th, Pruett of the 149th, Stephens of the 164th, Atwood of the 179th, Werkheiser of the 157th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 15 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 professional engineers and land surveyors, so as to exempt defense, aviation, space, or
3 aerospace companies and those who work for them and who provide engineering for certain
4 products or services from complying with the provisions of said chapter; to provide for
5 related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 15 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professional
10 engineers and land surveyors, is amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) of Code Section
11 43-15-29, relating to exceptions to operation of chapter, as follows:

12 "(a) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as excluding a qualified architect registered
13 in this state from such engineering practice as may be incident to the practice of his or her
14 profession or as excluding a professional engineer from such architectural practice as may
15 be incident to the practice of professional engineering.

16 (b) The following persons shall be exempt from this chapter:

17 (1) A person working as an employee or a subordinate of a person holding a certificate
18 of registration under this chapter or an employee of a person practicing lawfully under
19 Code Section 43-15-21, provided such work does not include final design decisions and
20 is done under the supervision of, and responsibility therefor is assumed by, a person
21 holding a certificate of registration under this chapter or a person practicing lawfully
22 under Code Section 43-15-21;

23 (2) Officers and employees of the government of the United States while engaged within
24 this state in the practice of professional engineering or land surveying for such
25 government;

26 (3) All ~~elective~~ elected officers of the political subdivisions of ~~the~~ this state while in the
27 practice of professional engineering or land surveying in the performance of their official
28 duties; and

29 (4) Officers and employees of the Department of Transportation, except as required by
30 Title 46, while engaged within this state in the practice of professional engineering or
31 land surveying for such department;

32 (5) Any defense, aviation, space, or aerospace company. As used in this paragraph, the
33 term 'company' shall mean any sole proprietorship, firm, limited liability company,
34 partnership, joint venture, joint stock association, corporation, or other business entity
35 and any subsidiary or affiliate of such business entity; and

36 (6) Any employee, contract worker, subcontractor, or independent contractor who works
37 for a defense, aviation, space, or aerospace company that is not required to be licensed
38 under the provisions of this chapter pursuant to paragraph (5) of this subsection and who
39 provides engineering for aircraft, space launch vehicles, launch services, satellites,
40 satellite services, missiles, rockets, or other defense, aviation, space, or aerospace-related
41 products or services, or any components thereof."

42 **SECTION 2.**

43 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
44 without such approval.

45 **SECTION 3.**

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