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HOUSE BILL NO. 1974

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 54.1-410.1, relating to architects and engineers; prerequisites to obtaining business license.

Patron—Robinson

Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted by adding a section numbered 54.1-410.1 as follows:

§ 54.1-410.1. Prerequisites for obtaining business license, and building, etc., permit.

A. Any person applying to the building inspector or any other authority of a county, city, or town in the Commonwealth, charged with the duty of issuing building or other permits for the construction of any building, highway, sewer, or structure, or any removal, grading or improvement shall furnish prior to the issuance of the permit either (i) satisfactory proof to such inspector or authority that he is duly licensed or certified under the terms of this chapter to carry out or superintend the same or (ii) file a written statement, supported by an affidavit, that he is not subject to licensure or certification as an architect or engineer pursuant to this chapter. The applicant shall also furnish satisfactory proof that the taxes or license fees required by any county, city, or town have been paid so as to be qualified to bid upon or contract for the work for which the permit has been applied.

It shall be unlawful for the building inspector or other authority to issue or allow the issuance of such permits unless the applicant has furnished his license or certificate number issued pursuant to this chapter or evidence of being exempt from the provisions of this chapter.

The building inspector, or other such authority, violating the terms of this section shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

B. Any architect or engineer applying for or renewing a business license in any locality in accordance with Chapter 37 (§ 58.1-3700 et seq.) of Title 58.1 shall furnish prior to the issuance or renewal of such license either (i) satisfactory proof that he is duly licensed or certified under the terms of this chapter or (ii) a written statement, supported by an affidavit, that he is not subject to licensure or certification as an architect or engineer pursuant to this chapter.

No locality shall issue or renew or allow the issuance or renewal of such license unless the architect or engineer has furnished his license or certificate number issued pursuant to this chapter or evidence of being exempt from the provisions of this chapter.

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