

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5336, June 15, 1968]

AN ACT AMENDING COMMONWEALTH ACT NUMBERED TWO HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING IN THE PHILIPPINES, TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSING THE OPERATING PERSONNEL IN MECHANICAL PLANTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

Section 1. Subparagraph two of Section four of Commonwealth Act Numbered Two hundred ninety four, otherwise known as the "Mechanical Engineering Law" is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(2) Hold the degree of M.E. or B.S.M.E. or M.M.E. or M.S.M.E., or the equivalent thereof, conferred by an engineering school or college, legally chartered and of recognized standing."

SEC. 2. Section eight of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

" SEC. 8. *Compensation of Board.*—The members of the Board shall each receive as compensation the sum of ten pesos for each applicant examined or registered without examination for any of the first two grades provided under Section eleven hereof; and five pesos for each applicant examined or registered without examination for any of the first two grades provided under Section eleven hereof; and five pesos for each applicant registered without examination or examined for the grade of certified plant mechanic: *Provided*, That the total amount shall not exceed the sum of eighteen thousand pesos per annum. Any mechanical engineer in the service of the Government of the Philippines appointed as member of the Board shall receive the compensation herein provided, in addition to his salary. All fees shall be received by the officer designated by competent authority as the collecting officer for the Civil Service Commission, and such officer shall pay all authorized expenses of the Board, including the compensation provided for the members of the Board."

SEC. 3. Section eleven of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 11. *Grades.*—Certificates of registration for the practice of mechanical engineering shall be of three grades and in the order of rank as follows: (1) professional mechanical engineer, (2) mechanical engineer, and (3) certified plant mechanic."

SEC. 4. Paragraph (a) of Section thirteen of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 13. *Definition of terms.*— (a) *Mechanical engineering.*—A person shall be deemed to be practicing mechanical engineering or rendering mechanical engineering service within the meaning and intent of this Act, who shall, for a fee, salary or other reward or compensation paid to himself or to another person, or even without such reward or compensation, render professional mechanical engineering service in the form of consultation, investigation, valuation, planning, design, or preparation of specifications or estimates for, or take charge of management, administration and supervision of the construction, erection, installation or alteration of, or render engineering service in connection with the manufacture, sale, supply or distribution of, or to manage, operate, tend or maintain any mechanical equipment machinery or process, for any mechanical works, project or plant; or who shall, by means of signs, cards, advertisement or in any other offer to practice mechanical engineering or to render professional mechanical engineering service, or who shall in connection with his name, or otherwise, use, assume or advertise any title or description tending to convey the impression that he is a professional mechanical engineer, or mechanical engineer, or certified plant mechanic, or that he is engaged in the practice of mechanical engineering as defined in this Act."

SEC. 5. Subparagraphs (c) and (d-1) of Section sixteen of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

" (c) That he is a registered mechanical engineer under the provisions of this Act.

" (d) That he has graduated from an engineering school or college of recognized standing, after completing an approved course in mechanical engineering of not less than four years; and that after he has been conferred a degree as provided in Section eighteen of this Act he has a specific record of a total of four years or more of active practice in mechanical engineering work of a character satisfactory to the Board, and in an affidavit by one or more registered professional mechanical engineers indicate that the applicant is competent to practice as professional mechanical engineer.

" In considering the qualifications of applicants, being charge of mechanical engineering teaching in an engineering school of recognized standing may be regarded as being in active practice in mechanical engineering work."

SEC. 6. Subparagraph (d-2) of Section sixteen and Section seventeen of the same Act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 7. Section eighteen of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

" SEC. 18. *Qualifications of applicant for mechanical engineer*—Any person applying for examination and for a certificate of registration as mechanical engineer shall, prior to admission to examination, establish to the satisfaction of the Board:

" (a) That he is at least eighteen years of age: Provided, That no license shall be issued to him until he reaches the age of twenty-one.

" (b) That he is of good reputation and moral character.

" (c) That he holds the degree of bachelor of science in mechanical engineering, mechanical engineer, master of science in mechanical engineering, or the equivalent thereof, conferred by a university, school, college, academy or institute duly constituted and recognized as such by the government or the state in which it is established after completing a college course of not less than four years."

SEC. 8. Sections twenty-one, twenty-four, and twenty-five of the same Act, as amended, are hereby amended to as follows:

"SEC. 21. *Scope of examinations.*—The examination for professional mechanical engineer shall be testimonial which shall consist of a submission of an enumeration of the applicant's experiences including the presentation of an engineering report pertinent to his line of experience attested to by one or more professional mechanical engineers duly notarized to the satisfaction of the Board.

"The scope of the examinations and the methods of procedure shall be prescribed by the Board with special reference to the applicant's ability to do the class of engineering work pertaining to the particular grade he is to be registered for, and to prove that said applicant has sufficient technological knowledge to insure safety to life, health and property as well as economy and efficiency in the design, construction, installation, maintenance, operation, organization and management of mechanical plants or works. It shall be the duty of the Board to prepare programs of the examinations and to publish the same at least six months before the date of the examination wherein they are to be used.

"Any alteration or amendments that the Board may later wish to introduce in said program shall be published at least six months before the examinations.

"SEC. 24. *Registration as professional engineer without examination.*—No examination shall be required of any person who shall, with his application for registration as professional mechanical engineer submitted to the Board after the date this Act becomes effective, present evidence or other proof satisfactory to the Board, showing that, on the date of the approval of this Act, he was a mechanical engineer duly licensed by the Board of Examiners for Mechanical Engineers under Act Numbered Two thousand nine hundred eighty-five of the Philippine Legislature of nineteen hundred twenty as amended. Sec. 25. *Registration as mechanical engineer without examination.*—No examination shall be required of any person who shall, with his application for registration as mechanical engineer, submitted to the Board after the date this Act becomes effective, present