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To the Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly:

In compliance with the requirements set forth in the Illinois Regulatory Sunset Act (5 ILCS 80), my office has conducted a review of the Structural Engineering Practice Act (225 ILCS 340), which is scheduled to sunset on January 1, 2020. As a result of this review, it is recommended to the General Assembly that:

The Structural Engineering Practice Act (225 ILCS 340) should be continued with the following modifications to its existing statutory and administrative rule framework.

- Allow applicants to apply for “Licensure by Endorsement” without providing education or test information to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR), if: (1) the applicant has been licensed for 10 consecutive years in another state, (2) the other state sends verification of consecutive licensure of the applicant, and (3) the applicant has never been disciplined.
- Add a definition of “Email address of record,” standardizing IDFPR’s initiative to become more efficient and paperless.

Structural engineering includes the design, analysis, or supervision of the construction, enlargement or alteration of structures, or any part thereof, for others, to be constructed by persons other than himself. Safe design and construction can require that loads and stresses must be computed and the size and strength of parts determined by mathematical calculations based upon scientific principles and engineering data.

The absence of this Act would mean that structural engineers would not be required to meet the educational and professional competencies. There is currently not sufficient evidence to suggest that the burdens imposed by regulation outweigh the benefits to the health, safety and welfare of the people of Illinois in continuing the regulation of this profession. Consequently, the continuation of this regulation is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the people of Illinois.

The full report provided by the Governor’s Office of Management and Budget is provided as reference.

Very Sincerely and Respectfully,
JB Pritzker
Governor