

## CHAPTER 471

## ENGINEERING

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**471.001 Purpose.**—The Legislature finds that, if incompetent engineers performed engineering services, physical and economic injury to the citizens of the state would result and, therefore, deems it necessary in the interest of public health and safety to regulate the practice of engineering in this state.

**History.**—ss. 1, 42, ch. 79-243; ss. 2, 3, ch. 81-318; ss. 14, 15, ch. 89-30; s. 4, ch. 91-429.

**471.003 Qualifications for practice, exemptions.**—

(1) No person other than a duly registered engineer shall practice engineering or use the name or title of "registered engineer" or any other title, designation, words, letters, abbreviations, or device tending to indicate that such person holds an active registration as an engineer in this state.

(2) The following persons are not required to register under the provisions of ss. 471.001–471.037 as a registered engineer:

(a) Any person practicing engineering for the improvement of, or otherwise affecting, property legally owned by him, unless such practice involves a public utility or the public health, safety, or welfare or the safety or health of employees. This paragraph shall not be construed as authorizing the practice of engineering through an agent or employee who is not duly registered under the provisions of ss. 471.001–471.037.

(b)1. A person acting as a public officer employed by any state, county, municipal, or other governmental unit of this state when working on any project the total estimated cost of which is \$10,000 or less.

2. Persons who are employees of any state, county, municipal, or other governmental unit of this state and who are the subordinates of a person in responsible charge registered under ss. 471.001–471.037, to the extent that the supervision meets standards adopted by rule of the board.

(c) Regular full-time employees of a corporation not engaged in the practice of engineering as such, whose

practice of engineering for such corporation is limited to the design or fabrication of manufactured products and servicing of such products.

(d) Regular full-time employees of a public utility or other entity subject to regulation by the Florida Public Service Commission, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or Federal Communications Commission.

(e) Employees of a firm, corporation, or partnership who are the subordinates of a person in responsible charge, registered under ss. 471.001–471.037.

(f) Any full-time faculty member teaching the principles and methods of engineering design in any college or university located in the state, as of July 1, 1979, and any such faculty member initially employed after July 1, 1979, for a period of 4 years from the date of employment.

(g) Any person as contractor in the execution of work designed by a professional engineer or in the supervision of the construction of work as a foreman or superintendent.

(h) A registered surveyor and mapper who takes, or contracts for, professional engineering services incidental to his practice of surveying and mapping and who delegates such engineering services to a registered professional engineer qualified within his firm or contracts for such professional engineering services to be performed by others who are registered professional engineers under the provisions of ss. 471.001–471.037.

(i) Any electrical, plumbing, air-conditioning, or mechanical contractor whose practice includes the design and fabrication of electrical, plumbing, air-conditioning, or mechanical systems, respectively, which he installs by virtue of a license issued under chapter 489, under part I of chapter 553, or under any special act or ordinance when working on any construction project which:

1. Requires an electrical or plumbing or air-conditioning and refrigeration system with a value of \$50,000 or less; and

2.a. Requires an aggregate service capacity of 600 amperes (240 volts) or less on a residential electrical system or 800 amperes (240 volts) or less on a commercial or industrial electrical system;

b. Requires a plumbing system with fewer than 250 fixture units; or

c. Requires a heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning system not to exceed a 15-ton-per-system capacity, or if the project is designed to accommodate 100 or fewer persons.

(j) Any general contractor, certified or registered pursuant to the provisions of chapter 489, when negotiating or performing services under a design-build contract as long as the engineering services offered or rendered in connection with the contract are offered and rendered by an engineer licensed or registered in accordance with this chapter.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of ss. 471.001–471.037 or of any other law, no registered engineer whose principal practice is civil or structural engineer-

ing, or employee or subordinate under the responsible supervision or control of the engineer, is precluded from performing architectural services which are purely incidental to his engineering practice, nor is any registered architect, or employee or subordinate under the responsible supervision or control of the architect, precluded from performing engineering services which are purely incidental to his architectural practice. However, no engineer shall practice architecture or use the designation "architect" or any term derived therefrom, and no architect shall practice engineering or use the designation "engineer" or any term derived therefrom.

**History.**—ss. 10, 42, ch. 79-243; ss. 3, 10, ch. 81-302; ss. 2, 3, ch. 81-318; s. 5, ch. 82-179; s. 3, ch. 83-160; ss. 46, 119, ch. 83-329; s. 1, ch. 85-134; s. 57, ch. 87-225; s. 2, ch. 87-341; s. 2, ch. 87-349; ss. 1, 14, 15, ch. 89-30; s. 1, ch. 89-115; s. 67, ch. 89-162; s. 4, ch. 91-429; ss. 80, 118, ch. 94-119.

**471.005 Definitions.**—As used in ss. 471.001-471.037, the term:

(1) "Board" means the Board of Professional Engineers.

(2) "Certificate of authorization" means a license to practice engineering issued by the department to a corporation or partnership.

(3) "Department" means the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

(4) "Engineer" includes the terms "professional engineer" and "registered engineer" and means a person who is registered to engage in the practice of engineering under ss. 471.001-471.037.

(5) "Engineer intern" means a person who has graduated from, or is in the final year of, an engineering curriculum approved by the board and has passed the fundamentals of engineering examination as provided by rules adopted by the board.

(6) "Engineering" includes the term "professional engineering" and means any service or creative work, the adequate performance of which requires engineering education, training, and experience in the application of special knowledge of the mathematical, physical, and engineering sciences to such services or creative work as consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning, and design of engineering works and systems, planning the use of land and water, teaching of the principles and methods of engineering design, engineering surveys, and the inspection of construction for the purpose of determining in general if the work is proceeding in compliance with drawings and specifications, any of which embraces such services or work, either public or private, in connection with any utilities, structures, buildings, machines, equipment, processes, work systems, projects, and industrial or consumer products or equipment of a mechanical, electrical, hydraulic, pneumatic, or thermal nature, insofar as they involve safeguarding life, health, or property; and includes such other professional services as may be necessary to the planning, progress, and completion of any engineering services. A person who practices any branch of engineering; who, by verbal claim, sign, advertisement, letterhead, or card, or in any other way, represents himself to be an engineer or, through the use of some other title, implies that he is an engineer or that he is registered under ss. 471.001-471.037; or who holds himself out as able to perform, or does perform, any engineering service or work or any

other service designated by the practitioner which is recognized as engineering shall be construed to practice or offer to practice engineering within the meaning and intent of ss. 471.001-471.037.

(7) "License" means the registration of engineers or certification of businesses to practice engineering in this state.

**History.**—ss. 2, 42, ch. 79-243; ss. 4, 10, ch. 81-302; ss. 2, 3, ch. 81-318; s. 4, ch. 83-160; s. 4, ch. 84-365; ss. 2, 14, 15, ch. 89-30; s. 4, ch. 91-429; s. 151, ch. 94-218.

**471.007 Board of Professional Engineers.**—There is created in the department the Board of Professional Engineers. The board shall consist of nine members, seven of whom shall be registered engineers and two of whom shall be laypersons who are not and have never been engineers or members of any closely related profession or occupation. Of the members who are registered engineers, three shall be civil engineers, one shall be either an electrical or electronic engineer, one shall be a mechanical engineer, one shall be an engineering educator, and one shall be from any discipline of engineering other than civil engineering. Members shall be appointed by the Governor for terms of 4 years each.

**History.**—ss. 3, 42, ch. 79-243; ss. 5, 9, 10, ch. 81-302; ss. 2, 3, ch. 81-318; ss. 3, 14, 15, ch. 89-30; s. 4, ch. 91-429; s. 152, ch. 94-218.

**471.008 Rules of the board.**—The board may adopt such rules not inconsistent with law as may be necessary to carry out the duties and authority conferred upon the board by this chapter or chapter 455.

**History.**—s. 1, ch. 87-341; s. 1, ch. 87-349; s. 1, ch. 88-303; ss. 4, 14, 15, ch. 89-30; s. 4, ch. 91-429.

**471.009 Board headquarters.**—The location of the Board of Professional Engineers shall be in Leon County.

**History.**—ss. 3, 42, ch. 79-243; ss. 6, 10, ch. 81-302; ss. 2, 3, ch. 81-318; ss. 5, 14, 15, ch. 89-30; s. 4, ch. 91-429.

#### **471.011 Fees.**—

(1) The board by rule may establish fees to be paid for applications, examination, reexamination, licensing and renewal, inactive status application and reactivation of inactive licenses, and recordmaking and recordkeeping. The board may also establish by rule a delinquency fee. The board shall establish fees that are adequate to ensure the continued operation of the board. Fees shall be based on department estimates of the revenue required to implement ss. 471.001-471.037 and the provisions of law with respect to the regulation of engineers.

(2) The initial application and examination fee shall not exceed \$125 plus the actual per applicant cost to the department to purchase the examination from the National Council of Engineering Examiners or a similar national organization. The examination fee shall be in an amount which covers the cost of obtaining and administering the examination and shall be refunded if the applicant is found ineligible to sit for the examination. The application fee shall be nonrefundable.

(3) The initial license fee shall not exceed \$200.

(4) The fee for a certificate of authorization shall not exceed \$125.

(5) The biennial renewal fee shall not exceed \$150.

(6) The fee for a temporary registration or certificate to practice engineering shall not exceed \$25 for an individual or \$50 for a business firm.

(7) The fee for licensure by endorsement shall not exceed \$150.

(8) The fee for application for inactive status or for reactivation of an inactive license shall not exceed \$150.

**History.**—ss. 4, 42, ch. 79-243; ss. 2, 3, ch. 81-318; s. 20, ch. 88-205; ss. 6, 14, 15, ch. 89-30; s. 4, ch. 91-429; s. 212, ch. 94-119.

#### **471.013 Examinations; prerequisites.—**

(1)(a) A person shall be entitled to take an examination for the purpose of determining whether he is qualified to practice in this state as an engineer if the person is of good moral character and:

1. Is a graduate from an approved engineering curriculum of 4 years or more in a school, college, or university which has been approved by the board and has a record of 4 years of active engineering experience of a character indicating competence to be in responsible charge of engineering;

2. Is a graduate of an approved engineering technology curriculum of 4 years or more in a school, college, or university within the State University System, having been enrolled or having graduated prior to July 1, 1979, and has a record of 4 years of active engineering experience of a character indicating competence to be in responsible charge of engineering; or

3. Has, in lieu of such education and experience requirements, 10 years or more of active engineering work of a character indicating that the applicant is competent to be placed in responsible charge of engineering. However, this subparagraph does not apply unless such person notifies the department before July 1, 1984, that he was engaged in such work on July 1, 1981.

The board shall adopt rules providing for the review and approval of schools or colleges and the courses of study in engineering in such schools and colleges. The rules shall be based on the educational requirements for engineering as defined in s. 471.005. The board may adopt rules providing for the acceptance of the approval and accreditation of schools and courses of study by a nationally accepted accreditation organization.

(b) A person shall be entitled to take an examination for the purpose of determining whether he is qualified to practice in this state as an engineer intern if he is in the final year of, or is a graduate of, an approved engineering curriculum in a school, college, or university approved by the board.

(c) A person shall not be entitled to take the principles and practice part of the examination until that person has successfully completed the fundamentals examination.

(d) On or after October 1, 1992, every applicant who is qualified to take any part of the examination shall be allowed to take any one part five times, notwithstanding the number of times that part has been previously failed. If an applicant fails any part of the examination taken after October 1, 1992, five times, the board shall require the applicant to complete additional college-level education courses in the areas of deficiency, as determined by the board, as a condition of future eligibility to take the examination.

(2)(a) The board may refuse to certify an applicant for failure to satisfy the requirement of good moral character only if:

1. There is a substantial connection between the lack of good moral character of the applicant and the professional responsibilities of a registered engineer; and

2. The finding by the board of lack of good moral character is supported by clear and convincing evidence.

(b) When an applicant is found to be unqualified for a license because of a lack of good moral character, the board shall furnish the applicant a statement containing the findings of the board, a complete record of the evidence upon which the determination was based, and a notice of the rights of the applicant to a rehearing and appeal.

**History.**—ss. 5, 42, ch. 79-243; s. 340, ch. 81-259; ss. 7, 10, ch. 81-302; ss. 2, 3, ch. 81-318; ss. 14, 15, ch. 89-30; s. 4, ch. 91-429; s. 141, ch. 92-149.

#### **471.015 Licensure.—**

(1) The department shall license any applicant who the board certifies is qualified to practice engineering and who has passed the licensing examination.

(2) The board shall certify for licensure any applicant who satisfies the requirements of s. 471.013. The board may refuse to certify any applicant who has violated any of the provisions of s. 471.031.

(3) The board shall certify as qualified for a license by endorsement an applicant who:

(a) Qualifies to take the examination as set forth in s. 471.013, has passed a United States national, regional, state, or territorial or foreign national licensing examination that is substantially equivalent to the examination required by s. 471.013, and has satisfied the experience requirements set forth in s. 471.013; or

(b) Holds a valid license to practice engineering issued by another state or territory of the United States, if the criteria for issuance of the license were substantially the same as the licensure criteria that existed in this state at the time the license was issued.

(4) The department shall not issue a license by endorsement to any applicant who is under investigation in another state for any act that would constitute a violation of ss. 471.001-471.037 or of chapter 455 until such time as the investigation is complete and disciplinary proceedings have been terminated.

(5)(a) The board shall deem that an applicant who seeks licensure by endorsement has passed an examination substantially equivalent to part I of the engineering examination when such applicant:

1. Has held a valid professional engineer's registration in another state for 15 years and has had 20 years of continuous professional-level engineering experience;

2. Has received a doctorate degree in engineering from a nationally accredited engineering degree program which is accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering Technology; or

3. Has received a doctorate degree in engineering and has taught engineering full time for at least 3 years, at the baccalaureate level or higher, after receiving that degree.

(b) The board shall deem that an applicant who seeks licensure by endorsement has passed an examination substantially equivalent to part I and part II of the

engineering examination when such applicant has held a valid professional engineer's registration in another state for 25 years and has had 30 years of continuous professional-level engineering experience.

(6) The board may require a personal appearance by any applicant for licensure under this chapter. Any applicant of whom a personal appearance is required must be given adequate notice of the time and place of the appearance and provided with a statement of the purpose of and reasons requiring the appearance.

**History.**—ss. 6, 42, ch. 79-243; ss. 2, 3, ch. 81-318; s. 2, ch. 85-134; ss. 14, 15, ch. 89-30; s. 4, ch. 91-429; ss. 82, 216, ch. 94-119; s. 32, ch. 95-392.

#### **471.017 Renewal of license.—**

(1) The department shall renew a license upon receipt of the renewal application and fee.

(2) The department shall adopt rules establishing a procedure for the biennial renewal of licenses.

**History.**—ss. 7, 42, ch. 79-243; ss. 2, 3, ch. 81-318; ss. 14, 15, ch. 89-30; s. 4, ch. 91-429; s. 213, ch. 94-119.

**471.019 Reactivation; continuing education.—**The board shall prescribe by rule continuing education requirements for reactivating a license. The continuing education requirements for reactivating a license for a registered engineer may not exceed 12 classroom hours for each year the license was inactive.

**History.**—ss. 8, 42, ch. 79-243; s. 341, ch. 81-259; ss. 2, 3, ch. 81-318; s. 104, ch. 83-329; ss. 7, 14, 15, ch. 89-30; s. 4, ch. 91-429; s. 214, ch. 94-119.

#### **471.021 Engineers and firms of other states; temporary certificates to practice in Florida.—**

(1) Upon approval of the board and payment of the fee set in s. 471.011, the department shall grant a temporary registration for work on one specified project in this state for a period not to exceed 1 year to an engineer holding a certificate to practice in another state, provided Florida registrants are similarly permitted to engage in work in such state and provided that the engineer be qualified for licensure by endorsement.

(2) Upon approval by the board and payment of the fee set in s. 471.011, the department shall grant a temporary certificate of authorization for work on one specified project in this state for a period not to exceed 1 year to an out-of-state corporation, partnership, or firm, provided one of the principal officers of the corporation, one of the partners of the partnership, or one of the principals in the fictitiously named firm has obtained a temporary certificate of registration in accordance with subsection (1).

(3) The application for a temporary license shall constitute appointment of the Department of State as an agent of the applicant for service of process in any action or proceeding against the applicant arising out of any transaction or operation connected with or incidental to the practice of engineering for which the temporary license was issued.

**History.**—ss. 9, 42, ch. 79-243; ss. 2, 3, ch. 81-318; ss. 14, 15, ch. 89-30; s. 4, ch. 91-429; s. 142, ch. 92-149.

#### **471.023 Certification of partnerships and corporations.—**

(1) The practice of, or the offer to practice, engineering by registrants through a corporation or partnership offering engineering services to the public or by a corporation or partnership offering said services to the public

through registrants under ss. 471.001-471.037 as agents, employees, officers, or partners is permitted only if the firm possesses a certification issued by the department pursuant to qualification by the board, subject to the provisions of ss. 471.001-471.037. One or more of the principal officers of the corporation or one or more partners of the partnership and all personnel of the corporation or partnership who act in its behalf as engineers in this state shall be registered as provided by ss. 471.001-471.037. All final drawings, specifications, plans, reports, or documents involving practices registered under ss. 471.001-471.037 which are prepared or approved for the use of the corporation or partnership or for public record within the state shall be dated and shall bear the signature and seal of the registrant who prepared or approved them. Nothing in this section shall be construed to mean that a certificate of registration to practice engineering shall be held by a corporation. Nothing herein prohibits corporations and partnerships from joining together to offer engineering services to the public, provided each corporation or partnership otherwise meets the requirements of this section. No corporation or partnership shall be relieved of responsibility for the conduct or acts of its agents, employees, or officers by reason of its compliance with this section, nor shall any individual practicing engineering be relieved of responsibility for professional services performed by reason of his employment or relationship with a corporation or partnership.

(2) For the purposes of this section, a certificate of authorization shall be required for a corporation, partnership, association, or person practicing under a fictitious name, offering engineering services to the public. However, when an individual is practicing engineering in his own given name, he shall not be required to register under this section.

(3) The fact that a registered engineer practices through a corporation or partnership shall not relieve the registrant from personal liability for negligence, misconduct, or wrongful acts committed by him. Partnerships and all partners shall be jointly and severally liable for the negligence, misconduct, or wrongful acts committed by their agents, employees, or partners while acting in a professional capacity. Any officer, agent, or employee of a corporation shall be personally liable and accountable only for negligent acts, wrongful acts, or misconduct committed by him or committed by any person under his direct supervision and control, while rendering professional services on behalf of the corporation. The personal liability of a shareholder of a corporation, in his capacity as shareholder, shall be no greater than that of a shareholder-employee of a corporation incorporated under chapter 607. The corporation shall be liable up to the full value of its property for any negligent acts, wrongful acts, or misconduct committed by any of its officers, agents, or employees while they are engaged on behalf of the corporation in the rendering of professional services.

(4) Each certification of authorization shall be renewed every 2 years. Each partnership and corporation certified under this section shall notify the board within 1 month of any change in the information contained in the application upon which the certification is based.

(5) Disciplinary action against a corporation or partnership shall be administered in the same manner and on the same grounds as disciplinary action against a registered engineer.

**History.**—ss. 11, 42, ch. 79-243; s. 1, ch. 80-223; ss. 2, 3, ch. 81-318; ss. 8, 14, 15, ch. 89-30; s. 4, ch. 91-429; s. 143, ch. 92-149.

#### 471.025 Seals.—

(1) The board shall prescribe, by rule, a form of seal to be used by registrants holding valid certificates of registration. Each registrant shall obtain an impression-type metal seal in the form aforesaid. All final drawings, specifications, plans, reports, or documents prepared or issued by the registrant and being filed for public record shall be signed by the registrant, dated, and stamped with said seal. Such signature, date, and seal shall be evidence of the authenticity of that to which they are affixed. It is unlawful for any person to stamp or seal any document with a seal after his certificate of registration has expired or been revoked or suspended, unless reinstated or reissued.

(2) When the certificate of registration of a registrant has been revoked or suspended by the board, it shall be mandatory that the registrant surrender his seal to the secretary of the board within a period of 30 days after the revocation or suspension has become effective. In the event the registrant's certificate has been suspended for a period of time, his seal shall be returned to him upon expiration of the suspension period.

(3) No registrant shall affix or permit to be affixed his seal or name to any plan, specification, drawing, or other document which depicts work which he is not licensed to perform or which is beyond his profession or specialty therein.

**History.**—ss. 12, 42, ch. 79-243; ss. 2, 3, ch. 81-318; ss. 14, 15, ch. 89-30; s. 4, ch. 91-429; s. 144, ch. 92-149.

#### 471.027 Engineers authorized to enter lands of third parties under certain conditions.—

Engineers are hereby granted permission and authority to go on, over, and upon the lands of others when necessary to make engineering surveys and, in so doing, to carry with them their agents and employees necessary for that purpose. Entry under the right hereby granted shall not constitute trespass, and engineers and their duly authorized agents or employees so entering shall not be liable to arrest or a civil action by reason of such entry; however, nothing in this section shall be construed as giving authority to said registrants, agents, or employees to destroy, injure, damage, or move anything on lands of another without the written permission of the landowner.

**History.**—ss. 17, 42, ch. 79-243; ss. 2, 3, ch. 81-318; ss. 14, 15, ch. 89-30; s. 4, ch. 91-429.

#### 471.031 Prohibitions; penalties.—

(1) A person may not knowingly:

(a) Practice engineering unless the person is registered under ss. 471.001-471.037;

(b) Use the name or title "registered engineer" or any other title, designation, words, letters, abbreviations, or device tending to indicate that such person holds an active registration as an engineer when the person is not registered under ss. 471.001-471.037;

(c) Present as his own the registration of another;

(d) Give false or forged evidence to the board or a member thereof;

(e) Use or attempt to use a registration that has been suspended, revoked, or placed on inactive or delinquent status;

(f) Employ unlicensed persons to practice engineering; or

(g) Conceal information relative to violations of ss. 471.001-471.037.

(2) Any person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

**History.**—ss. 14, 42, ch. 79-243; ss. 2, 3, ch. 81-318; s. 47, ch. 83-329; ss. 9, 14, 15, ch. 89-30; s. 4, ch. 91-429; s. 215, ch. 94-119.

#### 471.033 Disciplinary proceedings.—

(1) The following acts constitute grounds for which the disciplinary actions in subsection (3) may be taken:

(a) Violating any provision of s. 455.227(1), s. 471.025, or s. 471.031, or any other provision of this chapter or rule of the board or department.

(b) Attempting to procure a license to practice engineering by bribery or fraudulent misrepresentations.

(c) Having a license to practice engineering revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against, including the denial of licensure, by the licensing authority of another state, territory, or country, for any act that would constitute a violation of this chapter or chapter 455.

(d) Being convicted or found guilty of, or entering a plea of nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a crime in any jurisdiction which directly relates to the practice of engineering or the ability to practice engineering.

(e) Making or filing a report or record that the licensee knows to be false, willfully failing to file a report or record required by state or federal law, willfully impeding or obstructing such filing, or inducing another person to impede or obstruct such filing. Such reports or records include only those that are signed in the capacity of a registered engineer.

(f) Advertising goods or services in a manner that is fraudulent, false, deceptive, or misleading in form or content.

(g) Engaging in fraud or deceit, negligence, incompetence, or misconduct, in the practice of engineering.

(h) Violating chapter 455.

(i) Practicing on a revoked, suspended, inactive, or delinquent license.

(j) Affixing or permitting to be affixed his seal or his name to any final drawings, specifications, plans, reports, or documents that were not prepared by him or under his responsible supervision, direction, or control.

(k) Violating any order of the board or department previously entered in a disciplinary hearing.

(2) The board shall specify, by rule, what acts or omissions constitute a violation of subsection (1).

(3) When the board finds any person guilty of any of the grounds set forth in subsection (1), it may enter an order imposing one or more of the following penalties:

(a) Denial of an application for licensure.

(b) Revocation or suspension of a license.

(c) Imposition of an administrative fine not to exceed \$1,000 for each count or separate offense.

(d) Issuance of a reprimand.

(e) Placement of the licensee on probation for a period of time and subject to such conditions as the board may specify.

(f) Restriction of the authorized scope of practice by the licensee.

(4) The department shall reissue the license of a disciplined engineer or business upon certification by the board that the disciplined person has complied with all of the terms and conditions set forth in the final order.

**History.**—ss. 15, 42, ch. 79-243; ss. 8, 10, ch. 81-302; ss. 2, 3, ch. 81-318; s. 3, ch. 85-134; ss. 10, 14, 15, ch. 89-30; s. 4, ch. 91-429; s. 145, ch. 92-149; s. 217, ch. 94-119.

**471.037 Effect of ss. 471.001-471.037 locally.—**

(1) Nothing contained in ss. 471.001-471.037 shall be construed to repeal, amend, limit, or otherwise affect

any local building code or zoning law or ordinance, now or hereafter enacted, which is more restrictive with respect to the services of registered engineers than the provisions of ss. 471.001-471.037.

(2) In counties or municipalities that issue building permits, such permits may not be issued in any case in which it is apparent from the application for the building permit that the provisions of ss. 471.001-471.037 have been violated. However, this subsection does not authorize the withholding of building permits in cases involving the exceptions and exemptions set out in s. 471.003.

**History.**—ss. 13, 42, ch. 79-243; ss. 2, 3, ch. 81-318; ss. 12, 14, 15, ch. 89-30; s. 4, ch. 91-429; s. 81, ch. 94-119.