

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2015 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Regulated Industries

CS/CS/HB 217 — Engineers

by Regulatory Affairs Committee; Business and Professional Subcommittee; and Rep. Van Zant and others (CS/CS/SB 338 by Fiscal Policy Committee; Regulated Industries Committee; and Senator Altman)

The bill amends existing law regulating engineers to specifically address the practice of structural engineering, which is defined as the analysis and design of threshold buildings and other structures of a certain height, size, or occupancy. The bill modifies current law to include the licensure of structural engineers similar to professional engineers by the Board of Professional Engineers within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Beginning March 1, 2017, the bill prohibits anyone, other than a duly licensed structural engineer, from practicing structural engineering. The bill provides an alternative method for some applicants to qualify for structural engineer licensure prior to September 1, 2016.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2015.

Vote: Senate 38-2; House 104-3