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DIVISION 3. PROFESSIONS AND VOCATIONS GENERALLY [5000 - 9998.11] (*Heading of Division 3 added by Stats. 1939, Ch. 30.)*

CHAPTER 7. Professional Engineers [6700 - 6799] (*Chapter 7 repealed and added by Stats. 1951, Ch. 1709.)*

ARTICLE 4.5. Reporting Requirements [6770 - 6770.6] (*Article 4.5 added by Stats. 2004, Ch. 691, Sec. 19.6.)*

6770. (a) A licensee shall report to the board in writing the occurrence of any of the following events that occurred on or after January 1, 2008, within 90 days of the date the licensee has knowledge of the event:

(1) The conviction of the licensee of any felony.

(2) The conviction of the licensee of any other crime that is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensed professional engineer.

(3) A civil action settlement or administrative action resulting in a settlement against the licensee in any action alleging fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, breach or violation of contract, negligence, incompetence, or recklessness by the licensee in the practice of professional engineering if the amount or value of the settlement is greater than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

(4) A civil action judgment or binding arbitration award or administrative action resulting in a judgment or binding arbitration award against the licensee in any action alleging fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, breach or violation of contract, negligence, incompetence, or recklessness by the licensee in the practice of professional engineering if the amount or value of the judgment or binding arbitration award is twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or greater.

(b) The report required by subdivision (a) shall be signed by the licensee and set forth the facts that constitute the reportable event. If the reportable event involves the action of an administrative agency or court, the report shall set forth the title of the matter, court or agency name, docket number, and the date the reportable event occurred.

(c) A licensee shall promptly respond to oral or written inquiries from the board concerning the reportable events, including inquiries made by the board in conjunction with license renewal.

(d) Nothing in this section shall impose a duty upon any licensee to report to the board the occurrence of any of the events set forth in subdivision (a) either by or against any other licensee.

(e) Failure of a licensee to report to the board in the time and manner required by this section shall be grounds for disciplinary action.

(f) For the purposes of this section, a conviction includes the initial plea, verdict, or finding of guilt; a plea of no contest; or pronouncement of sentence by a trial court even though the conviction may not be final or sentence actually imposed until all appeals are exhausted.

(Amended by Stats. 2013, Ch. 471, Sec. 1. (SB 679) Effective January 1, 2014.)

6770.1. Within 30 days of entry of a conviction described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 6770, a settlement described in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 6770, or a judgment described in paragraph (4) of subdivision (a) of Section 6770, by a court of this state that has been notified that the defendant is a licensee of the board, the court that rendered the conviction, settlement, or judgment shall report that fact to the board and provide the board with a copy of the conviction, settlement, or judgment and any orders or opinions of the court accompanying or ordering the conviction, settlement, or judgment.

(Amended by Stats. 2013, Ch. 471, Sec. 2. (SB 679) Effective January 1, 2014.)

6770.2. (a) Within 30 days of payment of all or any portion of any civil action judgment, settlement, or binding arbitration award described in Section 6770 against a licensee of the board, any insurer providing professional liability insurance to that licensee shall

report to the board the name of the licensee; the amount or value of the judgment, settlement, or binding arbitration award; the amount paid by the insurer; and the identity of the payee.

(b) Within 30 days of payment of all or any portion of any civil action judgment, settlement, or binding arbitration award described in Section 6770 against a licensee of the board, any state or local government agency that self-insures that licensee shall report to the board the name of the licensee; the amount or value of the judgment, settlement, or binding arbitration award; the amount paid; and the identity of the payee.

(Amended by Stats. 2013, Ch. 471, Sec. 3. (SB 679) Effective January 1, 2014.)

6770.3. The requirements of Sections 6770, 6770.1, and 6770.2 shall apply if a party to the civil action, settlement, or arbitration award is or was a sole proprietorship, partnership, firm, corporation, or state or local government agency in which the licensee is or was an owner, partner, member, officer, or employee and is or was the licensee in responsible charge of that portion of the project that was the subject of the civil judgment, settlement, or arbitration award.

(Added by Stats. 2004, Ch. 691, Sec. 19.6. Effective January 1, 2005. Section conditionally operative on January 1, 2008, pursuant to Section 6770.6.)

6770.4. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a licensee shall not be considered to have violated a confidential settlement agreement or other confidential agreement by providing a report to the board as required by this article.

(Added by Stats. 2004, Ch. 691, Sec. 19.6. Effective January 1, 2005. Section conditionally operative on January 1, 2008, pursuant to Section 6770.6.)

6770.5. The board may adopt regulations to further define the reporting requirements of Sections 6770, 6770.1, and 6770.2.

(Added by Stats. 2004, Ch. 691, Sec. 19.6. Effective January 1, 2005. Section conditionally operative on January 1, 2008, pursuant to Section 6770.6.)

6770.6. This article shall become operative on January 1, 2008, only if an appropriation is made from the Professional Engineer's and Land Surveyor's Fund for the 2007–08 fiscal year in the annual Budget Act to fund the activities of this article, and sufficient hiring authority is granted to the board pursuant to a budget change proposal to provide sufficient staffing to implement this article.

(Amended by Stats. 2007, Ch. 354, Sec. 12. Effective January 1, 2008. Note: This section prescribes a conditional operative date for Article 4.5, commencing with Section 6770.)