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H.B. NO. 599

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Board of Registration of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 464-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

"Sec. 464-10 Suspension or revocation of certificates; hearings. The board of registration of professional engineers, architects, and surveyors may revoke or suspend the certificate of registration of any person hereunder who is found guilty of any fraud or deceit in obtaining the certificate or of gross negligence, incompetency, or misconduct in the practice of his profession or who is convicted of violating this chapter or the rules or regulations of the board. Any person may prefer charges in writing with the secretary of the board against any person holding a certificate. In every case where it is proposed to revoke or suspend the certificate of registration, the board shall give the person concerned notice and hearing in conformity with chapter 91. The notice shall be given in writing by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested at least fifteen days before the hearing.

In all proceedings before it, the board and each member thereof shall have the same powers respecting administering oaths, compelling the attendance of witnesses and the production of documentary evidence, and examining witnesses, as are possessed by circuit courts. In case of disobedience by any person of any order of the

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board, or of any member thereof, or of any subpoena issued by it, or by a member, or the refusal of any witness to testify to any matter regarding which he may be questioned lawfully, any circuit judge, on application by the board, or a member thereof, shall compel obedience as in the case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued by a circuit court, or a refusal to testify therein."

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.*
(Approved May 19, 1979.)

^{*}The text has been edited pursuant to HRS 23G-16.5, authorizing omission of the brackets, bracketed material, and underscoring.