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(By Delegates Morgan, Skaff and R. Phillips)
[Introduced February 14, 2014; referred to the
Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.]

10 A BILL to amend and reenact §30-13-18 of the Code of West Virginia,
11 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of
12 Registration for Professional Engineers to renew certificates
13 on a biennial basis.

14 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

15 That §30-13-18 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
16 be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

17 **ARTICLE 13. ENGINEERS.**

18 **§30-13-18. Expirations and renewals.**

19 (a) Certificates of registration and certificates of
20 authorization ~~for firms~~ expire on the last day of the month of ~~June~~
21 ~~following issuance~~ December of the year indicated on the
22 certificate and are invalid after that date unless renewed.

23 (b) The secretary of the board shall notify every person
24 registered and every firm holding a certification of authorization
25 ~~under this article~~ of the pending expiration of a certificate of
26 registration or certificate of authorization ~~issued to that person~~

1 ~~or firm,~~ including ~~notice of~~ the fee required to renew the
2 registration or certificate, ~~The notice shall be mailed to the~~
3 ~~registrant or firm at their last known address~~ at the last mailing
4 address or email address provided to the board, at least one month
5 in advance of ~~the date of~~ the expiration.

6 (c) An expired certificate may be renewed under rules
7 promulgated by the board and may require reexamination and the
8 payment of penalty fees.

9 (d) Effective July 1, 2014, the board may renew certificates
10 on a biennial basis. The board shall propose rules for legislative
11 approval in accordance with the provisions of article three,
12 chapter twenty-nine-a of this chapter, and may promulgate emergency
13 rules pursuant to section fifteen of that article, to implement the
14 provisions of this subsection.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is, with regard to professional engineers firms, to change the license year from the fiscal year to the calendar year, allow emailing of renewal notices, and authorize emergency rules to provide for renewals on a biennial basis.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.