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Honorable Alan Powell
Chairman, House Regulated Industries Committee
18 Capitol Square, 613 CLOB
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note
House Bill 790 (LC 36 4198S)

Dear Chairman Powell:

This bill would revise definitions to define “professional structural engineer” and allow for professional engineers who possess certain specialized knowledge and expertise to obtain a certificate of registration as a professional structural engineer issued by the Secretary of State’s Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

As noted below, the Office of the Secretary of State (SOS) expects no net cost to the state.

Impact on State Costs

SOS estimates one-time costs to be approximately \$25,000 for vendor modifications to the information technology system. Given the small number of certificates involved, which include the affidavits provided by current practicing engineers, SOS estimates approximately \$5,000 (10% of a full-time employee) in personnel costs.

Impact on State Revenue

Based on discussions with the structural engineering community, SOS estimates that there are approximately 250 structural engineers who would apply for a new Professional Engineer (P.E.) and Structural Engineer (S.E.) license designation in the first year. These engineers would pay a one-time fee of \$120 to \$150, producing revenue of \$30,000 to \$37,500.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Greg Griffin".

Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly Farr".

Kelly Farr, Director
Office of Planning and Budget

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