
HOUSE BILL 2816

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1 AN ACT Relating to the practice of industrial hygiene and
2 occupational safety; adding a new chapter to Title 19 RCW; and
3 prescribing penalties.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The purpose of this chapter is to provide
6 legal recognition to the professions of industrial hygiene and
7 occupational safety.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The definitions in this section apply
9 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

10 (1) "The practice of industrial hygiene" means the anticipation,
11 prevention, recognition, evaluation, elimination, and control of
12 environmental, biological, chemical, physical, and ergonomic factors
13 and stresses arising in or from the workplace that may cause sickness,
14 impaired health and well-being, or significant discomfort among workers
15 or the general public.

16 (2) "American board of industrial hygiene" means a national
17 nonprofit corporation established to improve the practice and
18 educational standards of the profession of industrial hygiene and that

1 certifies individuals who meet its education, experience, examination,
2 and maintenance requirements for practicing industrial hygiene.

3 (3) "Industrial hygienist-in-training" or "IHIT" means a person who
4 has received the designation of industrial hygienist-in-training and
5 holds a valid, unexpired certificate from the American board of
6 industrial hygiene.

7 (4) "Certified industrial hygienist" is a person who holds a valid,
8 unexpired certificate from the American board of industrial hygiene.

9 (5) "The practice of occupational safety" means the preservation of
10 human material resources through the systematic application of
11 education, chemistry, physics, biological, ergonomic, psychological,
12 physiological, and management principles for anticipating, identifying,
13 and evaluating hazardous systems, conditions, and practices in the
14 workplace and developing, implementing, and administering programs to
15 alleviate those hazards.

16 (6) "Board of certified safety professionals" means a national
17 nonprofit corporation established to improve the practice and
18 educational standards of the profession of occupational safety and
19 certify individuals who meet its education, experience, examination,
20 and maintenance requirements for practicing occupational safety.

21 (7) "Certified safety professional" means a person who holds a
22 valid, unexpired certificate as a certified safety professional from
23 the board of certified safety professionals.

24 (8) "Associate safety professional" means a person who holds a
25 valid, unexpired certificate as an associate safety professional from
26 the board of certified safety professionals.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) No person may assume or use the
28 following professional titles unless the person possesses the proper
29 valid, unexpired certificate from the American board of industrial
30 hygiene:

31 (a) Certified industrial hygienist or the abbreviation CIH; and

32 (b) Industrial hygienist-in-training or the abbreviation IHIT.

33 (2) No person may assume or use the following professional titles
34 unless the person possesses a valid, unexpired certificate from the
35 board of certified safety professionals:

36 (a) Certified safety professional or the abbreviation CSP; and

37 (b) Associate safety professional or the abbreviation ASP.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Nothing in this chapter prohibits or
2 restricts:

3 (1) The practice of industrial hygiene by a person employed as an
4 apprentice under the supervision of a certified industrial hygienist;

5 (2) The practice of occupational safety by a person employed as an
6 apprentice under the supervision of a certified safety professional;

7 (3) A student studying industrial hygiene engaging in supervised
8 activities related to the practice of industrial hygiene;

9 (4) A student studying occupational safety engaging in supervised
10 activities related to the practice of occupational safety;

11 (5) Any person legally regulated in this state under any other
12 licensing statute or rule from engaging in the activities permitted
13 under his or her license, provided he or she does not represent himself
14 or herself to the public as a certified industrial hygienist,
15 industrial hygienist-in-training, certified safety professional, or
16 associate safety professional; or

17 (6) Individuals practicing within the scope of practice of
18 industrial hygiene or the scope of practice of occupational safety, so
19 long as the individual does not use the title, initials, or represent
20 himself or herself to the public as a certified industrial hygienist,
21 industrial hygienist-in-training, certified safety professional, or
22 associate safety professional.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A person who violates section 3 of this act
24 is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable under RCW 9.92.030.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act constitute
26 a new chapter in Title 19 RCW.

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