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**Commerce & Labor Committee**

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**SB 5065**

**Brief Description:** Modifying when a geologist license may be obtained without a written exam.

**Sponsors:** Senator Swecker.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Extends the "grandfather" period for geologists to become licensed without taking an examination.

**Hearing Date:** 3/26/03

**Staff:** Matt Cooper (786-7106).

**Background:**

In 2000 the Legislature established a licensing program for persons practicing geology or using the title "licensed geologist" or a similar title. The Department of Licensing (Department) administers this program with the advice of the State Geologist Licensing Board.

Minimum requirements for licensure as a geologist include specified education and experience, and passage of a written examination. However, applicants for licensure were not required to pass the written examination if they met the education and experience requirements and applied for licensure before July 1, 2002.

**Summary of Bill:**

Applicants who register to become licensed geologists before July 1, 2003, will be licensed without an examination, provided they meet the current educational and experience requirements.

**Rules Authority:** The bill does not address the rule-making power of the Department.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.