

Opinion No. 39-3205

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BY: FILIO M. SEDILLO, Attorney General

TO: Mr. W. C. Kruger, Secretary, New Mexico Board of Examiners for Architects, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

{*79} This office is in receipt of your letter of July 7 requesting an opinion upon House Bill No. 104, Section 10, also known as Chapter 82 of the New Mexico Session Laws of 1939.

Chapter 45 of the Laws of 1935 to which you refer is the law which regulates the practice of professional engineers and land surveyors.

Chapter 82 of the Laws of 1939 is an act amending Chapter 155 of the Laws of 1931, which pertains to architects.

These chapters must be read separately as similar powers are conferred upon professional engineers as are granted to architects in the chapter covering the powers and duties of architects. The law governing the practice of professional engineers and the practice of professional architects as to their powers and duties are quite similar. I do not believe that these two chapters should be read together. They are each for the purpose of regulating a separate and distinct profession in which the actual practice calls for the doing of many similar acts.

Therefore, it is my opinion that Section 10, of Chapter 82 of the Laws of 1939, is not in conflict with and does not repeal the matters pertaining to engineers in Chapter 45 of the Laws of 1935.

By: GEORGE LOUGEE,

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