

CHAPTER 50

AN ACT concerning safety professionals and supplementing P.L.1960, c.39 (C.56:8-1 et seq.).

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.56:8-113 Short title.

1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Safety Professional Truth in Advertising Act."

C.56:8-114 Findings, declarations relative to qualification of safety professionals.

2. The Legislature finds and declares that it is necessary to provide assurance to the public that individuals holding any safety certification have met certain qualifications.

C.56:8-115 Definitions relative to qualifications of safety professionals.

3. As used in this act:

"Safety profession" means the science and art concerned with the preservation of human and material resources through the systematic application of principles drawn from such disciplines as engineering, education, psychology, physiology, enforcement and management for anticipating, identifying and evaluating hazardous conditions and practices; developing hazard control designs, methods, procedures and programs; implementing, administering and advising others on hazard controls and hazard control programs; and measuring, auditing and evaluating the effectiveness of hazard controls and hazard control programs.

"Safety professional certification organization" means a professional organization of safety professionals which has been in existence for at least five years and which has been established to improve the practice and educational standards of the safety profession by certifying individuals who meet its education, experience and examination requirements. The organization shall be accredited by the National Commission of Certifying Agencies (NCCA) or the Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards (CESB), or a nationally recognized accrediting body which uses certification criteria equal to or greater than that of the NCCA or CESB.

C.56:8-116 Certification by safety professional certification organization required.

4. It shall be an unlawful practice for any person to advertise or hold himself out as possessing a professional safety certification from a safety professional certification organization unless that person is certified by the applicable safety professional certification organization.

5. This act shall take effect on the first day of the 25th month following enactment.

Approved August 3, 2002.