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PRESS RELEASE

PARLIAMENT PASSES THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING REGULATORY COUNCIL ACT 2022

The Parliament of Sierra Leone has on Tuesday 1/3/2022 passed into law with unanimity, the bill entitled "The Professional Engineering Regulatory Council Act 2022".

The Bill seeks to make provision for the establishment of the Professional Engineering Regulatory Council with the responsibility to regulate the practice of engineering in Sierra Leone, including the registration and discipline of professional engineers, and to provide for other related matters

Responding to questions and concerns raised by Members of Parliament, during the debate, Deputy Minister of Works and Public Assets, Hon. Philip Tetema Tondoneh assured the Honourable House of the implementation of the Act, in light of the extension of offices and recruitment, registration of professionals. He went on to say, restructuring and capacity of staff would be part of the rollout process.

The bill the minister informed is repealing the parent act, to meet the current demand.

At the committee stage, parts and clauses of the bill including the composition of council executives and their years of experience, fine, imprisonment, administration, gender consideration amongst others form part of the examination.

The bill went through scrutiny by the committee of the Whole House and was unanimously passed into law with some amendments.

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