

# ***INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION AND/OR TITLE PROTECTION STATE SUMMARY***

**NOTE:** In the early 1990s, AIHA began working with local sections to enact legislation that would afford professional recognition/title protection for the industrial hygiene profession. This effort entailed the drafting of model legislation that incorporated the accredited titles of interest to the IH profession, and, in some cases, included the titles of importance to the safety profession.

The result of these efforts was the passage of legislation in numerous states that defined IH titles and/or protected these titles from being used by unqualified individuals. It should be noted that there is a difference between “defining and/or recognizing” a title and “protecting” a title. In many cases the legislation “defines and/or recognizes” various titles; however only those titles that are accredited are “protected”.

The following lists those states that have enacted this type of legislation. To view the language that was enacted, please contact each state to learn if the existing law has been amended in any way since its enactment. AIHA cannot guarantee the language provided is still in effect.

States enacting professional recognition/title protection laws and date of enactment:

<b>ALASKA</b>	<b>Title protection legislation enacted in 1995. Defines CIH, IHIT and IH.</b>
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	<b>Title protection legislation enacted in 1993. Defines CIH.</b>
<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>Professional Recognition legislation enacted in 1997. Recognizes CIH and IH. Working towards title protection. Bill introduced in 2002.</b>
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	<b>Title protection legislation for both the IH and safety profession enacted in 1996. Defines CIH and IHIT.</b>
<b>FLORIDA</b>	<b>Title protection legislation for both the IH and safety profession enacted in 1998. Defines IH, IHIT and CIH. Protects the titles IHIT and CIH.</b>

<b>GEORGIA</b>	<b>Professional Recognition/Title Protection legislation enacted in 2005. Defines and protects CIH, CAIH, CSP, Construction Health and Safety Technician, Occupational Health and Safety Technologist, Certified Health Physicist and Registered Radiation Protection Technologist. It also defines industrial hygienist and health physicist.</b>
<b>ILLINOIS</b>	<b>A form of voluntary licensing for CIHs enacted in 1993. Available to CIH.</b>
<b>INDIANA</b>	<b>Title protection legislation enacted in 1996. Defines CIH, IHIT and IH.</b>
<b>MINNESOTA</b>	<b>Title protection legislation for both the IH and safety profession enacted in March of 1998. Defines CIH, IHIT, CHST, OHST, CSP, ASP.</b>
<b>NEBRASKA</b>	<b>Title protection legislation enacted in 1997. Defines CIH.</b>
<b>NEVADA</b>	<b>Title protection legislation for both the IH and safety profession enacted in 1995. Defines CIH and IHIT.</b>
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>	<b>Title protection legislation enacted in 1996. Defines CIH, IHIT and IH.</b>
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>	<b>Title protection legislation for the IH profession enacted in 1997. Defines CIH, IHIT and IH. Protects CIH and IHIT titles.</b>
<b>OHIO</b>	<b>Title protection legislation for both the IH and safety profession enacted in 1999. Defines CIH and IHIT.</b>
<b>OREGON</b>	<b>Title protection legislation for both the IH and safety profession enacted in 1999. Defines CIH and IHIT.</b>
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	<b>Title protection legislation for both the IH and safety profession enacted in 2004. Defines CIH and CSP.</b>
<b>TENNESSEE</b>	<b>Title protection legislation enacted in 1993, definitions added in 1994. Defines CIH, IHIT and PIH.</b>
<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>Title protection legislation enacted in 1999. Defines the</b>

**titles CIH and IHIT.**

**VIRGINIA**

**Title protection legislation enacted in 2001. Defines CIH, CAIH, IHIT and safety titles ASP and CSP, as well as OHST and CHST.**

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