

Notice of Agency Rule-making Proposal

AGENCY: Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, Board of Professional Land Surveyors

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Chapter 70, Continuing Education (repeal and replace); Chapter 80, Fees (repeal)

PROPOSED RULE NUMBER *(leave blank; assigned by Secretary of State)*:

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BRIEF *SUMMARY: The proposed replacement for Chapter 70 reduces the total number of continuing education hours for renewal of a professional land surveyor's license from 12 to 6 biennially. The proposed replacement retains the list of topics approved for continuing education; the exemption to the continuing education requirement for licensees who are 65 years or older and practice less than 160 hours a year; the reduction in the total number of continuing education hours for an initial license and the record keeping/documentation of continuing education credits. The proposed replacement also clarifies that the 6 hours may be earned either by attending courses, programs, etc. or by instructional programs presented in an electronic or paper format.

The license fees in Chapter 80 are obsolete and the chapter no longer has any legal effect. Since January 15, 2003 license fees for land surveyors have been set by the Director of Professional and Occupational Regulation. The board no longer has authority to set license fees.

The proposed rule is available at www.maine.gov/professionallicensing.

IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES (if any): None

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE: 32 MRSA §§18225 and 18229; 10 MRSA §8003 (2-A)(D)

SUBSTANTIVE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW BEING IMPLEMENTED (if different):

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