of the 2015 Regular Session. The registry will be created and maintained by LDR and made available publicly on its website.

When Act 451 was under debate, LDR indicated that a general fund position requiring a new appropriation of about \$60,000 annually would be required to implement and administer the new registry. However, under the proposed rule, LDR indicates that implementing and administering the new registry will require a small, indeterminable amount of resources that will be absorbed by LDR's existing budget allocation using self-generated revenue.

#### II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

This rule does not change the availability of film credits or the means by which they are claimed. The rule may allow a more thorough screening process under which some film credits may not change hands, though there is no way to determine whether this action would prevent the transfer or force the transfer through other means. Thus, there is no direct revenue impact associated with this bill as it appears to be a measure more in keeping the program participants in good standing than disqualifying credits.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

Broker qualifications include no prior convictions for matters related to tax, credit or fraud, and prohibit registration by a family member of an Office of Entertainment Industry Development (OEID) or LDR employee or those employed by OEID in the prior 2 years. Registrants must submit and pay for a criminal background check by the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information, who will also query the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A person selling or brokering film tax credits without registering shall be fined up to \$10,000 or imprisoned for 5 years or both with full restitution for any financial loss as a result of not registering.

Sellers or brokers of motion picture investment tax credits will be required to undergo a background screening and to apply for registry in the Public Registry of Motion Picture Tax Credit Brokers at their own expense. The Louisiana State Police has indicated the fingerprinting and background search will cost \$50.75 per applicant. Without this expense, individuals will no longer be eligible to broker motion picture tax credits. LDR estimates there are less than 20 brokers currently selling credits in Louisiana.

#### IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

This proposed rule should not affect competition or employment.

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## NOTICE OF INTENT

#### Department of Transportation and Development Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board

Examinations and Continuing Professional Development (LAC 46:LXI.707, 1301, and Chapter 31)

Under the authority of the Louisiana professional engineering and land surveying licensure law, R.S. 37:681 et seq., and in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., notice is hereby given that the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board has initiated procedures to amend its rules contained in LAC 46:LXI.707, 1301, 3103, 3105, 3109, 3111, 3113, 3115, 3119 and 3121.

This is a technical revision of existing rules under which LAPELS operates. The revisions: (a). eliminate the requirement that applications to take the principles and practice of land surveying and Louisiana laws of land surveying examinations must be received by the board by certain dates; (b). remove the ability of the board to preapprove individuals, firms and certain educational institutions as continuing professional development sponsor/providers; (c). change the continuing professional development requirements from a biennial licensure renewal period basis to a calendar year basis; and (d). permit licensees to obtain continuing professional development credit for serving on technical committees that are assisting federal, state or local governmental agencies in developing standards related to engineering or land surveying.

Title 46

## PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

## Part LXI. Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Chapter 7. Bylaws

## §707. Board Organization

A. - E.10. ...

11. Continuing Professional Development Committee. The chairman of the board shall appoint a continuing professional development committee composed of not less than two board members. The continuing professional development committee shall review and make recommendations to the board regarding continuing professional development rules and policies.

12. - 13. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:688.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 2:52 (February 1976), amended LR 5:110 (May 1979), LR 11:1179 (December 1985), LR 19:54 (January 1993), LR 21:1353 (December 1995), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1024 (July 2001), LR 30:1707 (August 2004), LR 33:2788 (December 2007), LR 35:1908 (September 2009), LR 37:2411 (August 2011), LR 38:2563 (October 2012), LR 40:1388 (July 2014), LR 42:

## Chapter 13. Examinations

## §1301. General

A.1. - C.1. ...

2. To be considered for the following examinations, the application for the examination must be submitted to NCEES:

a. fundamentals of engineering; and

b. fundamentals of land surveying.

3. To be considered for a specific examination date, the application for the principles and practice of engineering examination must be received at the board office no later than December 1 for the April examination administration and June 1 for the October examination administration.

4. To be considered for the following examinations, the application for the examination must be submitted to the board:

a. principles and practice of land surveying; and

b. Louisiana laws of land surveying.

D. - F.2.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:688.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 5:113 (May 1979), amended LR 7:647 (December 1981), LR 11:363 (April 1985), LR 16:774 (September 1990), LR 19:57 (January 1993), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1030 (July 2001), LR 30:1714 (August 2004), LR 35:1909 (September 2009), LR 37:2413 (August 2011), repromulgated 37:2752 (September 2011), amended LR 38:2565 (October 2012), LR 39:2282 (August 2013), LR 42:

# Chapter 31. Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

## §3103. Definitions

A. Terms used in this Chapter are defined as follows.

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*Board-Approved Sponsor/Provider*—the Louisiana Engineering Society; the Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors; professional and technical engineering or land surveying societies; federal, state or local governmental agencies; and colleges or universities. All sponsors/providers must conduct courses which will enhance and improve a licensee's professional development as a professional engineer or a professional land surveyor, and/or serve to safeguard life, health and property and promote the public welfare.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:697.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 24:2152 (November 1998), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1047 (July 2001), LR 30:1730 (August 2004), LR 42:

## §3105. Requirements

A. During each biennial licensure renewal period beginning before January 1, 2017, every professional engineer licensee, including those licensed in two or more disciplines, is required to obtain 30 PDHs in engineering related activities. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with professional engineer licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, every professional engineer licensee, including those licensed in two or more disciplines, is required to obtain 15 PDHs per calendar year in engineering related activities. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with professional engineer licensees whose biennial ficensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, every professional engineering related activities. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with professional engineer licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, professional engineer licensees may not obtain more than 8 PDHs within a single calendar day.

1. During each biennial licensure renewal period beginning before January 1, 2017, at least one PDH shall be in professional ethics. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with professional engineer licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, at least one PDH per calendar year shall be in professional ethics. Professional ethics concerns the standard of professional conduct and responsibility required of a professional engineer. 2. During each biennial licensure renewal period beginning before January 1, 2017, a minimum of eight PDHs shall be earned in Life Safety Code, building codes and/or Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines by every professional engineer licensee who designs buildings and/or building systems. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with professional engineer licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, a minimum of four PDHs per calendar year shall be earned in Life Safety Code, building codes and/or Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines by every professional engineer licensee who designs buildings and/or building systems.

B. During each biennial licensure renewal period beginning before January 1, 2017, every professional land surveyor licensee is required to obtain 15 PDHs in land surveying related activities. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with professional land surveyor licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, every professional land surveyor licensee is required to obtain 8 PDHs per calendar year in land surveying related activities.

1. During each biennial licensure renewal period beginning before January 1, 2017, at least one PDH shall be in professional ethics. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with professional land surveyor licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, at least one PDH per calendar year shall be in professional ethics. Professional ethics concerns the standard of professional conduct and responsibility required of a professional land surveyor.

2. During each biennial licensure renewal period beginning before January 1, 2017, a minimum of two PDHs shall be earned in the Standards of Practice for Boundary Surveys in Louisiana. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with professional land surveyor licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, a minimum of one PDH per calendar year shall be earned in the Standards of Practice for Boundary Surveys in Louisiana.

C. During each biennial licensure renewal period beginning before January 1, 2017, each dual licensee shall obtain 30 PDHs; however, at least one-third of the PDHs shall be obtained separately for each profession. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with dual licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, each dual licensee shall obtain 15 PDHs per calendar year; however, at least one-third of the PDHs for each calendar year shall be obtained separately for each profession.

1. During each biennial licensure renewal period beginning before January 1, 2017, at least one PDH shall be in professional ethics. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with dual licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, at least one PDH per calendar year shall be in professional ethics. Professional ethics concerns the standard of professional conduct and responsibility required of a professional engineer and/or professional land surveyor.

2. During each biennial licensure renewal period beginning before January 1, 2017, a minimum of two PDHs

shall be earned in the Standards of Practice for Boundary Surveys in Louisiana. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with dual licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, a minimum of one PDH per calendar year shall be earned in the Standards of Practice for Boundary Surveys in Louisiana.

3. During each biennial licensure renewal period beginning before January 1, 2017, a minimum of eight PDHs shall be earned in Life Safety Code, building codes and/or Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines by every professional engineer licensee who designs buildings and/or building systems. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with dual licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, a minimum of four PDHs per calendar year shall be earned in Life Safety Code, building codes and/or Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines by every professional engineer licensee who designs buildings and/or building systems.

D. Excess PDHs

1. Effective for biennial licensure renewal periods beginning before January 1, 2017, if a licensee exceeds the biennial licensure renewal period requirements, a maximum of 15 PDHs may be carried forward into the subsequent biennial licensure renewal period. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, if a licensee exceeds the annual requirements, a maximum of 5 PDHs may be carried forward into the subsequent calendar year.

D.2. - E.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 24:2152 (November 1998), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1047 (July 2001), LR 30:1730 (August 2004), LR 37:2420 (August 2011), LR 42:

## §3109. Exemptions

A. A licensee may be exempt from the CPD requirements for any one or more of the following reasons.

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2. Effective for biennial licensure renewal periods beginning before January 1, 2017, licensees serving on active duty in the armed forces of the United States for a period of time exceeding 180 consecutive days in a biennial licensure renewal period shall be exempt from obtaining the PDHs required during that biennial licensure renewal period. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, licensees serving on active duty in the armed forces of the United States for a period of time exceeding 180 consecutive days in a calendar year shall be exempt from obtaining the PDHs required during that calendar year.

3. Effective for biennial licensure renewal periods beginning before January 1, 2017, licensees experiencing physical disability, serious illness, or serious injury of a nature and duration which has prevented the licensee from completing his/her CPD requirements for the past renewal period may be exempted from CPD requirements for said renewal period. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, licensees experiencing physical

disability, serious illness, or serious injury of a nature and duration which has prevented the licensee from completing his/her CPD requirements for the past calendar year may be exempted from CPD requirements for said calendar year. Supporting documentation such as a letter from a physician who has treated the disability, illness or injury is required. This letter shall be on the letterhead of the physician and set forth the nature of the disability, illness or injury and the period of time under treatment by the physician, and contain a statement by the physician as to any limitations placed upon the licensee which would limit his ability to complete any type of CPD. Effective for biennial licensure renewal periods beginning before January 1, 2017, this exemption may be granted for one biennial licensure renewal period. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, this exemption may be granted for one calendar year. Additional exemptions for medical reasons may be granted on a case-by-case basis.

4. Effective for biennial licensure renewal periods beginning before January 1, 2017, licensees working outside of the United States for more than 180 days in a biennial licensure renewal period where the completion of CPD is impractical due to location, working hours, mail restrictions, etc., may be granted an exemption from CPD requirements for the period of time the licensee is in the foreign location. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, licensees working outside of the United States for more than 180 days in a calendar year where the completion of CPD is impractical due to location, working hours, mail restrictions, etc., may be granted an exemption from CPD requirements for the period of time the licensee is in the foreign location. Supporting documentation of the foreign assignment must be provided by the employer on the employer's letterhead or by other documentation satisfactory to the board. The letter shall at a minimum set forth both the location and the period of time the person has been in the foreign location.

5. - 6. ...

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# §3111. Determination of Credit

A. PDHs may be earned as indicated in §3113 for the following acceptable activities:

1. - 6. ...

7. formal, documented problem preparation for NCEES or state professional exams;

8. serving as thesis directors for students pursuing a masters or doctoral degree in engineering; and

9. serving on technical committees that are assisting federal, state or local governmental agencies in developing standards related to engineering or land surveying.

B. - D. ...

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 24:2153 (November 1998), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1048 (July 2001), LR 30:1731 (August 2004), LR 37:2420 (August 2011), LR 39:1481 (June 2013), LR 42:

§3113. Units

A. - A.3. ...

B. Effective for biennial licensure renewal periods beginning before January 1, 2017, PDH credit will be awarded as follows:

1. - 6. ...

7. serving as thesis directors for students pursuing a masters or doctoral degree in engineering=1 PDH per hour of thesis credit. A maximum of 10 PDHs will be allowed per biennial licensure renewal period for each such thesis director;

8. serving on technical committees that are assisting federal, state or local governmental agencies in developing standards related to engineering or land surveying=1 PDH per fifty contact minutes of attendance at committee meetings. A maximum of 10 PDHs will be allowed per biennial licensure renewal period for service on all of such committees.

C. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, PDH credit will be awarded as follows:

1. fifty contact minutes of instruction or verified attendance at an activity, or problem preparation for a NCEES or state professional exam = one PDH. A maximum of 5 PDHs will be allowed per calendar year for problem preparation;

2. membership in engineering and land surveying professional associations or technical societies=one PDH per calendar year for each professional or technical association or society. A maximum of two PDHs will be allowed per calendar year for all such memberships;

3. in accordance with §3111.A.1-3, credit for teaching or making presentations may be earned at twice the PDHs allowed for attending a course, but shall not exceed 15 PDHs in any calendar year;

4. authoring and publishing peer reviewed (refereed) articles/papers in engineering or land surveying journals; or authoring and publishing peer reviewed (refereed) books related to engineering or land surveying=10 PDHs;

5. authoring and publishing non-peer reviewed (nonrefereed) articles/papers in engineering or land surveying journals=5 PDHs;

6. each patent=10 PDHs;

7. serving as thesis directors for students pursuing a masters or doctoral degree in engineering=1 PDH per hour of thesis credit. A maximum of 5 PDHs will be allowed per calendar year for each such thesis director;

8. serving on technical committees that are assisting federal, state or local governmental agencies in developing standards related to engineering or land surveying=1 PDH per 50 contact minutes of attendance at committee meetings. A maximum of 5 PDHs will be allowed per calendar year for service on all of such committees.

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# §3115. Record Keeping

A. - B. ...

C. Maintaining records to be used to support PDHs claimed is the responsibility of the licensee. Effective for biennial licensure renewal periods beginning before January 1, 2017, these records must be maintained for at least three consecutive biennial licensure renewal periods (six years) and copies may be requested by the board at any time. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, these records must be maintained for at least six consecutive calendar years and copies may be requested by the board at any time.

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## §3119. Failure to Comply

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B. Effective for biennial licensure renewal periods beginning before January 1, 2017, CPD hours acquired and used to satisfy a not-in-compliance situation may not be used to meet the CPD hours required for the current licensure renewal period. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, CPD hours acquired and used to satisfy a not-in-compliance situation may not be used to meet the CPD hours required for the current calendar year.

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# §3121. CPD Reinstatement

A. Effective for biennial licensure renewal periods beginning before January 1, 2017, to become reinstated, an expired, inactive, or retired licensee must show proof of having obtained all delinquent PDHs; however, the maximum number required will be the number of PDHs required for one biennial licensure renewal period as provided in §3105. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, to become reinstated, an expired, inactive, or retired licensee must show proof of having obtained all delinquent PDHs; however, the maximum number required will be the number of PDHs required for two calendar years as provided in §3105.

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#### **Family Impact Statement**

In accordance with R.S. 49:953(A)(1)(a)(viii) and 972, the following Family Impact Statement is submitted with the Notice of Intent for publication in the *Louisiana Register*: The proposed Rule has no known impact on family formation, stability or autonomy.

## **Poverty Impact Statement**

In accordance with R.S. 49:953(A)(1)(a)(ix) and 973, the following Poverty Impact Statement is submitted with the Notice of Intent for publication in the *Louisiana Register*: The proposed Rule has no known impact on child, individual or family poverty in relation to individual or community asset development.

## **Provider Impact Statement**

In accordance with HCR No. 170 of the 2014 Regular Session, the following Provider Impact Statement is submitted with the Notice of Intent for publication in the *Louisiana Register*: The proposed Rule has no known effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service, the cost to the provider to provide the same level of service or the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

#### **Public Comments**

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments on the proposed Rule through March 11, 2016 at 4:30 p.m., to Donna D. Sentell, Executive Director, Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, 9643 Brookline Avenue, Suite 121, Baton Rouge, LA 70809-1433.

> Donna D. Sentell Executive Director

## FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Examinations and Continuing Professional Development

## I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

There are no estimated implementation costs or savings to state or local governmental units resulting from this proposed rule change. The proposed rule eliminates the requirement that applications to take the principles and practice of land surveying and Louisiana laws of land surveying examinations must be received by the board by certain dates. The proposed rule also (a) removes the ability of the board to pre-approve individuals, firms and certain educational institutions as continuing professional development sponsor/providers, (b) changes the continuing professional development requirements from a biennial licensure renewal period basis to a calendar year basis and (c) permits licensees to obtain continuing professional development credit for serving on technical committees that are assisting federal, state or local governmental agencies in developing standards related to engineering or land surveying. The proposed rule change will not result in any adjustment to the number of professional development hours that licensees must obtain over the standard biennial licensure period, but adjusts the requirement so that the hours are now divided such that one-half of the total hours requirement must be completed on an annual basis. The proposed rule does provide an additional mechanism for acquiring hours by serving on technical committees for certain entities and purposes.

## II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There will be no effect on revenue collections of state or local governmental units as a result of this proposed rule change.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed rule change will provide an additional means for individuals to acquire professional development hours. The proposed rule will permit licensees to obtain credit for serving on technical committees for various governmental agencies in developing standards related to engineering or land surveying.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule change will have no effect on competition or employment.

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#### NOTICE OF INTENT

#### Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Office of Fisheries

#### Reef Fish—Harvest Regulations (LAC 76:VII.335)

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of intent to amend a Rule (LAC 76:VII.335) modifying existing reef fish harvest regulations. Proposed changes decrease the daily trip limit of commercially harvested greater amberjack from 2,000 pounds to 1,500 pounds and increase the recreational minimum size limit of greater amberjack from 30 to 34 inches fork length. Authority for amendment of this Rule is included in the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and through the authority granted in R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:320.2, 56:326.1, and 56:326.3 to the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

#### Title 76

## WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery §335. Reef Fish—Harvest Regulations

A. - D.7. ..

8. Commercial trip limits shall include those limits listed below. For the purposes of this rule, a *trip* is defined as a fishing trip, regardless of the number of days duration, that begins with departure from a dock, berth, beach, seawall or ramp and that terminates with return to a dock, berth, beach, seawall or ramp.

Species or Group	Trip Limit
a. Gray Triggerfish	12 fish
b. Greater Amberjack	1,500 pounds

E. Recreational and commercial minimum and maximum size limits, unless otherwise noted.