STATEMENT OF SCOPE

Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers, and Professional Land Surveyors

Rule No.:   A-E 6

Relating to: Professional Land Surveyor Licensure

Rule Type: Permanent

1. Finding/nature of emergency (Emergency Rule only):

Not applicable.

2. Detailed description of the objective of the proposed rule:

The Professional Land Surveyor Section of the Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers, and Professional Land Surveyors (A-E Board) has determined that chapter A-E 6, relating to Professional Land Surveyor Licensure, needs to be reviewed and potentially amended to provide clarification for professional land surveyor applicants.

3. Description of the existing policies relevant to the rule, new policies proposed to be included in the rule, and an analysis of policy alternatives:

A comprehensive review will be undertaken to evaluate and potentially amend A-E 6 to provide clarification for applicants for professional land surveyor licensure. Section members have raised concerns regarding how to consistently apply the code language on experience requirements for applications to be a professional land surveyor, such as how to appropriately weigh Wisconsin-based experience. Additionally, the Section would like to further review A-E 6 to ensure that 2013 Wisconsin Act 358 has been fully implemented in this chapter.

4. Detailed explanation of statutory authority for the rule (including the statutory citation and language):

Section 15.08 (5) (b), Stats., provides an examining board, "shall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains…"

Section 443.02 (4), Stats., provides that "no person may engage in or offer to engage in the practice of professional land surveying in this state or use or advertise any title or description tending to convey the impression that the person is a professional land surveyor unless the person has been granted a license under this chapter to engage in the practice of professional land surveying."

Section 443.06 (1) (a), Stats., provides that applications "for a license to engage in the practice of professional land surveying shall be made to the professional land surveyor section of the examining board … which shall require the applicant to submit such information as the professional land surveyor section deems necessary."

Section 443.06 (2) (am) to (cm) requires that applicants submit "evidence satisfactory to the professional land surveyor section" for education that is "approved by the professional land surveyor section" and experience that "has demonstrated practice of satisfactory character that indicates that the applicant is competent to engage in the practice of professional land surveying."

5. Estimate of amount of time that state employees will spend developing the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule:

The Department estimates approximately 120 hours will be needed to perform the review and develop any rule changes. The Department will assign existing staff to perform the review and develop the rule changes. No additional resources will be required.

6. List with description of all entities that may be affected by the proposed rule:

Applicants to be a professional land surveyor in the state of Wisconsin

7. Summary and preliminary comparison with any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule:

None.

8. Anticipated economic impact of implementing the rule (note if the rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses):

The rule changes contemplated in this project are not expected to have any negative economic impacts on any of the affected entities.

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