

**Maryland General Assembly
Department of Legislative Services**

**Proposed Regulation
Maryland Department of Labor
(DLS Control No. 20-030)**

Overview and Legal and Fiscal Impact

The regulation seeks to clarify that a professional engineer licensee may satisfy continuing competency requirements regardless of whether the educational credits were earned in the State or outside of the State.

The regulation presents no legal issues of concern.

Regulation of COMAR Affected

Maryland Department of Labor:

Board of Professional Engineers: Continuing Professional Competency Requirements:
COMAR 09.23.06.15

Legal Analysis

Background

Current regulations require a licensee to earn a certain number of Continuing Professional Competency credit hours in order to renew a professional engineering license. The regulations are silent on the geographic area in which these credit hours must be obtained.

Currently, it is standard practice for the Board of Professional Engineers to honor professional development hours obtained in another state as credit toward the renewal of a Maryland license.

Summary of Regulation

This regulation clarifies that the board will recognize continuing professional competency credits earned outside the State as fulfilling the requirements for professional engineer license renewal provided that the credits meet the same criteria as credits earned inside the State.

Legal Issues

The regulation presents no legal issues of concern.

Statutory Authority and Legislative Intent

The Department cites §14–314 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article as statutory authority for the regulation. Section 14–314 gives the board authority over license renewals and sets the requirements by which a licensee may renew a license.

This authority is correct and complete. The regulation complies with the legislative intent of the law.

Fiscal Analysis

There is no fiscal impact on State or local agencies.

Agency Estimate of Projected Fiscal Impact

The department advises that the regulation is procedural in nature and, thus, has minimal or no impact on State or local governments. The Department of Legislative Services concurs.

Impact on Budget

There is no impact on the State operating or capital budget.

Agency Estimate of Projected Small Business Impact

The department advises that the regulation has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses in the State. The Department of Legislative Services concurs.

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