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A Bill

HOUSE BILL

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By: Representatives Mullenix and Clark

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 17-41-206 TO PROVIDE THAT REGISTERED LAND SURVEYORS WHO ARE AT LEAST SIXTY YEARS OF AGE SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF THAT SECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 17-41-206(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(a) (1) After the expiration of the two-year period immediately following the effective date of the adoption of regulations by the board establishing requirements of continuing education, every application for renewal of a certificate of registration under this section shall be accompanied or supported by such evidence as the board shall prescribe documenting the completion of fifteen (15) hours of acceptable continuing education, approved by the board, during the twelve-month period immediately preceding the date of application. Failure by an applicant to provide this evidence shall constitute grounds for revocation, suspension, or refusal to renew the permit unless the board, in its discretion, shall determine the failure to have been due to reasonable cause or the applicant was not engaged in the practice of land surveying and maintained his initial certificate of registration as prescribed by § 17-41-204(c).

(2) In its discretion, the board may renew a certificate of registration despite the failure to furnish evidence of satisfaction of requirements of continuing education and may issue a certificate of registration to an applicant who has previously maintained inactive status under § 17-41-204(c) upon the condition that the applicant follow a particular program or schedule of continuing education. In issuing rules, regulations, and individual orders in respect to requirements of continuing education, in its discretion, the board

may, among other things, use and rely upon guidelines and pronouncements of recognized educational and professional associations; may prescribe content, duration, and organization of courses; shall take into account the accessibility to applicants of such continuing education as it may require; and may provide for relaxation or suspension of requirements in regard to applicants who certify that they do not intend to engage in the practice of lands surveyors and for instances of individual hardship.

(3) The board shall exempt registered land surveyors sixty (60) years of age or older and may exempt registered land surveyors with twenty (20) or more years experience as practicing land surveyors within this state from the provisions of this subsection."

SECTION 2. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.