

Update on Proposed Rules

All the comments on the proposed rules were reviewed by the board members during the July 24, 2009 board meeting. Changes were made in all the rules that added clarity.

One comment concerning the 2011 renewal fee increase was from an LPC. The LPC noted that the need for the increase is there and the LPC also expressed concern about the current economy. The LPC went one step further and gave the Board a suggestion to help offset the additional cost of the renewal fee. After considerable discussion the Board voted to accept the idea of reducing the contact hours needed at renewal time from 40 contact hours to 35 contact hours. The Board did not view this as a compromise of their duty to protect the public.

The cost of five contact hours (and travel) will most likely exceed the amount of the proposed increase in renewal fees.

Please remember all of the rules must go through the 2010 legislative session and be passed by the House and the Senate before they become law.