## Kansas State Board of Technical Professions

## Notice of Hearing on proposed Administrative Regulation K.A.R. 66-7-1

A public hearing will be conducted at 10:30 am on Friday, December 17, 2021 at the Kansas State Board of Technical Professions, 900 SW Jackson, Suite 507, Topeka, Kansas 66612, or remotely to adopt amendments to K.A.R. 66-7-1 regarding information required to be submitted with applications for licensure by reciprocity as permitted by K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 48-3406, as amended by L. 2021, ch. 70, sec. 1, and amendments thereto.

If the hearing is conducted remotely notice will be provided on public square and the Board's website.

This 60-day notice of the public hearing shall constitute a public comment period for the purpose of receiving written public comments on the proposed regulation. All interested parties may submit comments prior to the hearing to Larry G. Karns, Executive Director, at the Kansas State Board of Technical Professions' above address, or via email to <a href="mailto:KSBTPadmin@ks.gov">KSBTPadmin@ks.gov</a>. All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to present their views, orally or in writing, concerning the proposed regulation during the public hearing. In order to provide all parties with an opportunity to present their views, it may be necessary to request each participant to limit any oral presentations to ten minutes.

Copies of the proposed regulation as well as the economic impact statement for the proposed regulation may be obtained from the Kansas State Board of Technical Professions, 900 SW Jackson, Suite 507, Topeka, Kansas 66612, by contacting Larry G. Karns at 785-296-3055 or by emailing the agency at <a href="mailto:KSBTPadmin@ks.gov">KSBTPadmin@ks.gov</a>.

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Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing and may request the proposed regulation to be considered and the economic impact statement for the regulation in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation to participate in the hearing should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting Jessica Pierce at 785-296-3052 or at <a href="mailto:KSBTPadmin@ks.gov">KSBTPadmin@ks.gov</a>. Individuals with hearing and/or speech disabilities may contact the Kansas Relay Center at 800-776-3777 for communication accommodations. Handicapped parking is available at the south end of the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson, Topeka, Kansas 66612, across the street from the north entrance to the building, and on Ninth Street, just around the corner from the north entrance to the building.

A summary of the proposed amended regulation and the economic impact of the regulation follows:

K.A.R. 66-7-1, as proposed, adds as additional information to be submitted with an application for reciprocity under K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 48-3406, as amended by L. 2021, ch. 70, sec. 1, and amendments thereto, if applying as a military servicemember, proof of past or present military service; if applying as a military spouse, verification of status as a military spouse; if applying as an applicant who resides in Kansas, proof of Kansas residency; and if applying as an applicant intending to reside in Kansas, proof of intent to reside in Kansas.

The proposed regulation is not anticipated to have any significant economic impact.

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- 66-7-1. Applications. (a) In addition to the appropriate, completed application form and fee, each applicant shall also have the following submitted to the board office:
  - (1) An official transcript to verify any educational credit; and
- (2) verification of any practical experience for which credit is claimed on reference forms approved by the board, which shall be submitted directly to the board office by the individual providing the reference.
  - (b) Each applicant for a license by reciprocity shall also submit the following:
  - (1) Verification of any exams previously taken; and
  - (2) verification of a current active license.
- (c) Each applicant for occupational licensing by reciprocity under K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 48-3406, as amended by L. 2021, ch. 70, sec. 1, and amendments thereto, shall also submit one of the following, in addition to meeting the requirements in subsections (a) and (b):
- (1) If applying as a military servicemember, form DD214 or other proof of present or past military service;
- (2) if applying as a military spouse, verification of the applicant's status as a military spouse;
- (3) if applying as an individual who resides in Kansas, proof of current Kansas residency; <u>or</u>
- (4) if applying as an individual intending to reside in Kansas, proof of the individual's intent to reside in Kansas. (Authorized by K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 48-3406, as amended by L. 2021, ch. 70, sec. 1, and K.S.A. 74-7013; implementing K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 48-3406, as amended by L. 2021, ch. 70, sec. 1, and K.S.A. 74-7018; effective May 1, 1984; amended May 4, 1992; amended Jan. 6, 2012; amended Dec. 4, 2020; amended P-\_\_\_

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## Kansas Administrative Regulations Economic Impact Statement For the Kansas Division of the Budget

<u>Kansas State Board of</u> <u>Technical Professions</u> Agency

Larry Karns
Agency Contact

785-296-3055 Contact Phone Number

K.A.R. 66-7-1

Submit a hard copy of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) and any external documents that the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) would adopt, along with the following to: Division of the Budget 900 SW Jackson, Room 504-N Topeka, KS 66612

I. Brief description of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s)

The current regulation regarding information and materials to be submitted with a completed application, K.A.R. 66-7-1, is being amended to add for applicants for licensure by reciprocity under 2021 Substitute for House Bill 2066 submission of: 1) if applying as a military service member proof of past or present military service; 2) if applying as a military spouse verification of your status as a military spouse; 3) if applying as an applicant who resides in Kansas proof of current Kansas residency; and 4) if applying as an applicant intending to reside in Kansas proof of your intent to reside in Kansas.

11. Statement by the agency if the rule(s) and regulation(s) is mandated by the federal government and a statement if approach chosen to address the policy issue is different from that utilized by agencies of contiguous states or the federal government. (If the approach is different, then include a statement of why thee Kansas rule and regulation proposed is different)

This regulation is not mandated by the federal government.

- 111. Agency analysis specifically addressing following:
  - A. The extent to which the rule(s) and regulation(s) will enhance or restrict business activities and growth;

The regulation enhances business activity as it provides for rapid licensure by reciprocity in Kansas for those applicants allowed by 2021 Substitute for House Bill 2066

B. The economic effect, including a detailed quantification of implementation and compliance costs, on the specific businesses, sectors, public utility ratepayers, individual is, and local governments that would be affected by the proposed rule and regulation and on the state economy as awhole;

The regulation has a neutral economic impact. No additional costs are anticipated.

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C. Businesses that would be directly affected by the proposed rule and regulation;

Professional Engineers, Professional Architects, Professional Geologists, Professional Land Surveyors and Professional Landscape Architects.

D. Benefits of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) compared to the costs;

The regulation does not add costs to the licensed professions and allows an additional pathway for licensure by reciprocity.

E. Measures taken by the agency to minimize the cost and impact of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) on business and economic development within the State of Kansas, local government, and individual is;

The proposed rule does not add costs or negatively impact economic development.

F. An estimate, expressed as a total dollar figure, of the total annual implementation and compliance costs that are reasonably expected to be incurred by or passed along to business, local governments, or members of the public.

None.

Do the above total implementation and compliance costs exceed \$3.0 million over any two-year period?

YES,

NO IXI

Give a detailed statement of the data and methodology used in estimating the above cost estimate.

Not applicable.

Prior to the submission or resubmission of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s), did the agency hold a public hearing if the total implementation and compliance costs exceed \$3.0 million over any two-year period to find that the estimated costs have been accurately determined and are necessary for achieving legislative intent? If applicable, document when the public hearing was held, those in attendance, and any pertinent information from the hearing.

YES, NO IXI

G. If the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) increases or decreases revenues of cities, counties or school districts, or imposes functions or responsibilities on cities, counties or school districts that will increase expenditures or fiscal liability, describe how the state agency consulted with the League of Kansas Municipalities, Kansas Association of Counties, and/or the Kansas Association of School Boards.

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H. Describe how the agency consulted and solicited information from businesses, associations, local governments, state agencies, or institutions and members of the public that may be affected by the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s).

The Board of Technical professions, which is comprised of representative of the licensed professions including Professional Engineers, Professional Architects, Professional Geologists, Professional Land Surveyors and Professional Landscape Architects as well as public members discussed the regulations needed to comply with HB 2066 and consulted with the Kansas American Institute of Architects and the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers and determined that the additional information and materials to be submitted with an application for licensure by reciprocity were required to comply with the provisions of 2021 Substitute for House Bill 2066 regarding an applicant's eligibility status.

I. For environmental rule(s) and regulation(s) describe the costs that would likely accrue if the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) are not adopted, as well as the persons would bear the costs and would be affected by the failure to adopt the rule(s) and regulation(s).

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