

(H. B. 1851)
(Reconsidered)

(No. 48-2015)

(Approved April 6, 2015)

AN ACT

To amend subsection (b) of Section 10 of Act No. 160-1996, as amended, known as the “Act to Regulate the Practice of the Profession of Planners in Puerto Rico,” in order to delegate on the Examining Board of Professional Planners of Puerto Rico the responsibility of establishing continuing education requirements for licensed professional planners.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

Act No. 160-1996, as amended, known as the “Act to Regulate the Practice of the Profession of Planners in Puerto Rico,” was created in order to regulate the practice of the planner profession in Puerto Rico. The Examining Board of Professional Planners of Puerto Rico was created thereunder for the purpose of ensuring that any person thus licensed have the knowledge and skills to practice such profession with the highest level of professionalism.

For years, the Planner profession has lacked an entity that establishes the rules relating to the continuing education required by law. Thus, this Act shall provide for the most efficient manner of providing professional planners workshops and courses that will help them to stay current in their field given the changes faced by the Island.

This amendment seeks to provide professional education to persons who are committed to the integral and sustainable development of Puerto Rico and empower them to excel in a rapidly changing society. Furthermore, we shall strengthen said profession and prepare professional planners to be part of a more sophisticated, educated, and modern workforce.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PUERTO RICO:

Section 1.- Subsection (b) of Section 10 of Act No. 160-1996, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 10.- License Renewal.

The license renewal criteria shall be subject to the analysis and determination of the Board, with the advice of the groups representing the planners. Any person who wishes to renew his/her license shall meet the following requirements:

(a) ...

(b) Meet the continuing education requirement that the Examining Board of Professional Planners of Puerto Rico prescribes by regulations.

...”

Section 2.- This Act shall take effect one hundred eighty (180) days after its approval.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the Secretary of State that the following **Act No. 48-2015 (H. B. 1851) (Reconsidered)** of the **5th Regular Session** of the **17th Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico:**

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has been translated from Spanish to English and that the English version is correct.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, on this 21st day of August, 2015.

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