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H.B. No. 2820

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the practice of professional land surveying by a business entity.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 1071.352, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1071.352. SURVEYING BY BUSINESS ENTITY. (a) An association, partnership, or corporation may not offer professional surveying services unless the entity is registered with the board and a registered professional land surveyor is employed full-time where the services are offered.

(a-1) The board shall adopt rules prescribing the requirements for the registration of an entity described by Subsection (a).

(a-2) The board may refuse to issue or renew and may suspend or revoke the registration of a business entity and may impose an administrative penalty against the owner of a business entity for a violation of this chapter by an employee, agent, or other representative of the entity, including a registered professional land surveyor employed by the entity.

(b) A registered professional land surveyor or licensed state land surveyor [~~registration holder or license holder~~] may organize or engage in any form of individual or group practice of surveying allowed by state statute. The individual or group

1 practice must properly identify the registered professional land  
2 surveyor or licensed state land surveyor [~~registration holder or~~  
3 ~~license holder~~] who is responsible for the practice.

4 SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by this Act by the  
5 amendment of Section 1071.352, Occupations Code, applies only to  
6 professional surveying services offered on or after January 1,  
7 2008. Professional surveying services offered before that date are  
8 governed by the law in effect at the time the services are offered,  
9 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

10 (b) The Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying shall  
11 adopt rules required by this Act not later than November 1, 2007.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.