

1-1 By: Jones (Senate Sponsor - Watson) H.B. No. 2820
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2007;
1-3 May 7, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Business
1-4 and Commerce; May 17, 2007, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 17, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the practice of professional land surveying by a
1-9 business entity.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 1071.352, Occupations Code, is amended
1-12 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 1071.352. SURVEYING BY BUSINESS ENTITY. (a) An
1-14 association, partnership, or corporation may not offer
1-15 professional surveying services unless the entity is registered
1-16 with the board and a registered professional land surveyor is
1-17 employed full-time where the services are offered.

1-18 (a-1) The board shall adopt rules prescribing the
1-19 requirements for the registration of an entity described by
1-20 Subsection (a).

1-21 (a-2) The board may refuse to issue or renew and may suspend
1-22 or revoke the registration of a business entity and may impose an
1-23 administrative penalty against the owner of a business entity for a
1-24 violation of this chapter by an employee, agent, or other
1-25 representative of the entity, including a registered professional
1-26 land surveyor employed by the entity.

1-27 (b) A registered professional land surveyor or licensed
1-28 state land surveyor [~~registration holder or license holder~~] may
1-29 organize or engage in any form of individual or group practice of
1-30 surveying allowed by state statute. The individual or group
1-31 practice must properly identify the registered professional land
1-32 surveyor or licensed state land surveyor [~~registration holder or~~
1-33 ~~license holder~~] who is responsible for the practice.

1-34 SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by this Act by the
1-35 amendment of Section 1071.352, Occupations Code, applies only to
1-36 professional surveying services offered on or after January 1,
1-37 2008. Professional surveying services offered before that date are
1-38 governed by the law in effect at the time the services are offered,
1-39 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-40 (b) The Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying shall
1-41 adopt rules required by this Act not later than November 1, 2007.

1-42 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-43 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-44 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-45 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-46 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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