

from those facts. Absent reasonable suspicion directed toward an individual, these searches are prohibited. (The consent of a visitor to such a search does not make the search permissible, absent reasonable suspicion directed toward the visitor.)

a. Trained health care professionals only shall conduct a body cavity search and perform any necessary extraction. The visitor or official facility guest must be searched in a sanitary manner and in a sanitary location in accordance with standard medical practice. The warden or designee shall give prior written approval for this search.

b. A body cavity search shall be documented and reported as described in Paragraph E.3 of this policy.

F. Searches by Drug-Sniffing Dogs. Searches of a visitor's or official facility guest's property by trained drug-sniffing dogs may be conducted at any time.

G. When Contraband Is Not Found during a Search. The visitor or official facility guest may proceed if the visitor or official facility guest to whom reasonable suspicion and/or probable cause is directed consents to the search and no contraband is found.

H. When a Visitor or Official Facility Guest Refuses to be Searched or Contraband Is Found during a Search. Should the visitor or official facility guest refuse to be searched or contraband is found during a search, pursuant to C.Cr.P. Art. 215.2, the warden or designee may notify law enforcement officials and may detain the visitor or official facility guest for the length of time necessary for law enforcement to arrive and arrest the visitor or official facility guest or for the procurement of a search warrant. The detention shall not constitute an arrest.

I. Disposition of Contraband. Pursuant to R.S. 14:402(F), any contraband which is seized may be destroyed, donated to a charitable organization or put to lawful use within the facility, unless it is needed as evidence in a criminal prosecution. However, any money seized, which is legal tender shall be placed in a fund at the facility to be used solely for the purchase of contraband detection and escape chase team equipment. A record of the disposition of all contraband shall be maintained for the greater of either three years or the completion of any criminal proceedings arising from the incident.

J. Suspension of Visiting Privileges. If contraband is found on any visitor or official facility guest or if any visitor or official facility guest refuses to be searched or refuses to allow his property to be searched as provided in Section E. or violates any other facility rules, that particular visit may be halted, the visitor or official facility guest told to leave the facility and action taken as appropriate to suspend future visits to the facility.

1. If the offense is such that the warden desires to remove the visitor from the inmate's visitor list (either indefinitely or for a fixed period of time) the established procedures shall be followed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 14:402.

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RULE

Department of Public Safety and Corrections Office of Motor Vehicles

Reciprocity Agreements with Foreign Countries (LAC 55:III.171)

In accordance with R.S. 32:404(F), the Office of Motor Vehicles has adopted Section 171 of Part III, Chapter 1, Driver's License, Subchapter B, Reciprocity to provide that no signed agreement is required with foreign governments that allow Louisiana residents to drive in their country with a Louisiana driver's license in order for citizens of that country to drive in Louisiana with the driver's license from their country or origin. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 55

PUBLIC SAFETY

Part III. Motor Vehicles

Chapter 1. Driver's License

Subchapter B. Reciprocity Agreements with Foreign Countries

§171. General

A. ...

B. The deputy secretary of Public Safety Services, or his designee, the commissioner of the Office of Motor Vehicles, may sign the reciprocity agreement on behalf of the department. A duly authorized representative of the foreign government may sign the agreement on behalf of the foreign government. No signature is required for foreign governments that currently allow Louisiana residents to drive in their country with their Louisiana driver's license.

C. - F. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 32:404(F).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Motor Vehicles, LR 24:1316 (July 1998); amended LR 51:1683 (October 2025).

Bryan Adams
Commissioner

2510#005

RULE

Department of Transportation and Development Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board

Bylaws (LAC 46:LXI.701, 703, 707, and 709)

Under the authority of the Louisiana professional engineering and land surveying licensure law, R.S. 37:681 et seq., and in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., notice is hereby given that the Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board has amended its rules contained in LAC 46:LXI.701, 703, 707 and 709.

This is a revision of existing rules under which LAPELS operates. The revision (a) clarifies the published roster used in connection with determining anticipated vacancies on the board, (b) clarifies the mileage reimbursement rate, (c) changes the deadline for the election of board officers, (d) transfers one of the secretary's duties to the executive director and (e) changes the name of the Education/Accreditation Committee and updates its duties. The anticipated effective date of the proposed amendments is the date of promulgation. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part LXI. Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

Chapter 7. Bylaws

§701. Board Nominations

A. - B.2. ...

C. An examination will be made of the anticipated vacancies scheduled to occur during each new administrative year because of expiration of terms of appointment, as published in the roster of board members, and the appropriate nominating organization shall be soon notified, along with the official interpretation of the practice areas of engineering represented, as well as a priority listing of the desired practice areas requested to be considered.

D. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:688.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 4:298 (August 1978), amended LR 5:120 (May 1979), LR 11:1179 (December 1985), LR 19:57 (January 1993), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1023 (July 2001), LR 30:1706 (August 2004), LR 37:2411 (August 2011), LR 44:613 (March 2018), LR 51:1684 (October 2025).

§703. Compensation and Expenses

A. - A.2. ...

B. Reimbursement of Transportation Expenses

1. Expenses for transportation by personally-owned vehicles shall be reimbursed at the mileage rate specified by the Louisiana Division of Administration's travel policy. Reimbursement shall be on the basis of the most direct route. The traveler shall be required to pay all of the operating expenses of the vehicle.

B.2. - C. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:688.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 2:58 (February 1976), amended LR 5:110 (May 1979), LR 11:1182 (December 1985), LR 19:55 (January 1993), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1023 (July 2001), LR 30:1707 (August 2004), LR 44:613 (March 2018), LR 51:1684 (October 2025).

§707. Board Organization

A. - B. ...

C. Date of Elections. The election of board officers shall take place not later than at the board's first meeting of the calendar year. In the event that an officer cannot complete

his/her term, an election in order to fill the unexpired term shall be scheduled at the earliest practical regular or special meeting.

D. Duties

1. - 2. ...

3. Secretary. The secretary shall:

a. sign, with the chairman, certificates, the issuance of which shall have been authorized by resolution of the board;

b. sign the minutes of the board meetings after approval of the minutes by the board.

4. ...

E. Committees. The board may establish standing committees, including but not limited to the following: executive committee, engineering committees, land surveying committee, engineer intern committee, laws and rules committee, education credential evaluation review committee, finance committee, nominations and awards committee, complaint review committees, continuing professional development committee, firm licensure committee, and enforcement committee. The board may also establish ad hoc committees from time-to-time as necessary.

1. - 6. ...

7. Education Credential Evaluation Review Committee. The chairman of the board shall appoint an education credential evaluation review committee composed of not less than two board members. The education credential evaluation review committee shall review education credential evaluations of applicants for licensure or certification.

8. - 13. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:688.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 2:52 (February 1976), amended LR 5:110 (May 1979), LR 11:1179 (December 1985), LR 19:54 (January 1993), LR 21:1353 (December 1995), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1024 (July 2001), LR 30:1707 (August 2004), LR 33:2788 (December 2007), LR 35:1908 (September 2009), LR 37:2411 (August 2011), LR 38:2563 (October 2012), LR 40:1388 (July 2014), LR 42:1104 (July 2016), LR 44:614 (March 2018), LR 45:76 (January 2019), LR 51:1684 (October 2025).

§709. Executive Director

A. - B. ...

C. Duties of the Executive Director. The executive director shall:

1. - 12. ...

13. employ and supervise the work of all employees essential to the work of the board, but only on approval of the executive committee and in accordance with the provisions of the licensure law;

14. - 23. ...

24. assist in the legislative audit made of all receipts and disbursements at the close of each fiscal year by a certified public accountant;

25. assist the chairman with planning and compiling the agenda for each regular and special meeting of the board; and

26. be the official custodian of the records of the board and of the seal of the board and ensure that the seal of the board is affixed to all appropriate documents.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:688.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 2:53 (February 1976), amended LR 5:118 (May 1979), LR 11:1180 (December 1985), LR 19:55 (January 1993), LR 21:1354 (December 1995), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1025 (July 2001), LR 30:1709 (August 2004), LR 37:2412 (August 2011), LR 38:2563 (October 2012), LR 44:614 (March 2018), LR 45:76 (January 2019), LR 47:894 (July 2021), LR 51:1684 (October 2025).

Donna D. Sentell
Executive Director

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RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Fish and Wildlife Values (LAC 76:I.313 and 315)

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby amend the civil fish and wildlife values, guidelines for determining fish and wildlife values and the list of threatened and endangered species. It also establishes conversion factors to be used to convert the weight of fish and shellfish species not in whole form to whole form weight for the purpose of assigning civil restitution penalty values for commercial fish and shellfish species. Authority to establish such rules and regulations is vested in the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission by R.S. 56:40.1-40.9 and R.S. 56:1904. This Rule is hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part I. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and Agencies Thereunder

Chapter 3. Special Powers and Duties

Subchapter D. Wildlife Values

§313. Guidelines for Determining Fish and Wildlife Values

A. The following are the guidelines utilized by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in determining fish and wildlife values.

1. With respect to fish and shellfish species, the American Fisheries Society publishes hatchery values reflecting estimated costs involved in rearing various freshwater and saltwater fish. These figures, adjusted by the Consumer Price Index; current data relating to expenditures of both sport and commercial fishermen relating to the animal or species which, directly or indirectly, result in revenues being generated for the state; ex-vessel commercial prices, as reported by the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Trip Ticket Program; estimated costs involved in the capture, purchase, transportation and release of species of fish; the current commercial retail selling price of living replacement animals; and, the current commercial selling price of meat and/or other products which are derived from the animal and traded in commerce, shall be considered by the department in formulating its recommendations concerning valuation.

2. With respect to avian species, existing information and estimated costs involved in the capture, purchase, transportation and release of species of birds; cost to purchase replacement animals from other states or jurisdictions; the costs to zoos and other zoological institutions to raise and maintain like animals; the current commercial retail selling price of meat and/or other products which are derived from the animal and traded in commerce; and, the expenditures of sportsmen and others relating to the animal or species which, directly or indirectly, result in revenue being generated for the state, and adjusted by the Consumer Price Index, shall be considered by the department in formulating its recommendations concerning valuation.

3. With respect to mammal species, estimated costs involved in the capture, purchase, transportation, and release of species of mammals; pelt values; costs to zoos and other zoological institutions to raise and maintain like animals; the current commercial retail selling price of meat and/or other products which are derived from the animal and traded in commerce; and the expenditures of sportsmen and others relating to the animal of species which, directly or indirectly, result in revenue being generated for the state, and adjusted by the Consumer Price Index, shall be considered by the department in formulating its recommendations concerning valuation.

4. With respect to reptiles and amphibian species, the estimated costs involved in the capture, purchase, transportation and release of species of reptiles and amphibians; pelt or hide values, costs to zoos and other zoological institutions to raise and maintain the animal; the current commercial retail selling price of meat and/or other products which are derived from the animal and traded in commerce; and the expenditures of hunters, trappers, and recreational sportsmen with respect to the animal or species which, directly or indirectly, result in revenues being generated for the state and adjusted by the Consumer Price Index, shall be considered by the department in formulating its recommendations concerning valuation.

5. Certain species are highly prized because of their rarity or may have a high intangible perceived value placed on the animal or species by the public. Other species have an intrinsically high value because they are threatened or endangered. In addition to the guidelines set forth above, the department shall, with respect to these rare and/or threatened and/or endangered species which might have limited commercial value but which possess a high intangible, intrinsic, aesthetic, ecological, or biological value, consider those factors when determining its recommendations with respect to valuation.

6. Not all the criteria set forth in the guidelines above will be applicable to each particular series and each criterion or factor shall be considered by the department only insofar as it is applicable to each particular species.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:40.1-40.9.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 15:200 (March 1989), amended LR 37:2434 (August 2011), LR 51:1685 (October 2025).

§315. Fish and Wildlife Values

A. All fish and wildlife species found within, or taken from the state have value, regardless of whether a specific value is provided herein. If a specific value is not provided for