

LEGISLATIVE BILL 640

Approved by the Governor March 28, 2005

Introduced by Connealy, 16

AN ACT relating to abstracters; to amend section 76-547, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change registration requirements as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 76-547, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

76-547. ~~Any certificate~~ (1) All certificates of authority or certificate of registration, including any duplicate certificate of registration, issued pursuant to ~~sections 76-543 and section 76-545~~ shall expire on April 1 of each year irrespective of when issued. Such certificates shall be renewed, as provided in this section, for a one-year period upon payment of a renewal fee of not less than twenty-five dollars or more than two hundred dollars. ~~for a certificate of authority and not less than ten dollars or more than one hundred dollars for a certificate of registration or duplicate certificate of registration.~~ The board shall establish such fee based on the administrative costs of the board. ~~Thirty to sixty days prior to the expiration date of the certificates, the board shall cause a notice of expiration and application for renewal, including a statement for the annual fee for each certificate, to be mailed to each of the holders of such certificates.~~ The notice and application shall be in a form prepared by the board.

(2) All certificates of registration, including duplicate certificates of registration, issued pursuant to section 76-543 shall expire on April 1 of each even-numbered year irrespective of when issued. Such certificates shall be renewed, as provided in this section, for a two-year period upon payment of a renewal fee of not less than twenty dollars or more than two hundred dollars. The board shall establish such fee based on the administrative costs of the board. The board shall not renew the certificate of registration or duplicate certificate of registration for any registered abstractor who has failed to complete the professional development requirements set forth in section 76-544, unless the registered abstractor has shown good cause why he or she was unable to comply with such requirements. If the board determines that good cause was shown for not completing the professional development requirements, the board shall permit the registered abstractor to make up all outstanding hours of professional development within six months of the renewal of such certificates. If the hours are not completed in six months, such certificates shall be revoked.

(3) Thirty to sixty days prior to the expiration date of the certificates, the board shall cause a notice of expiration and application for renewal, including a statement for the fee for each certificate, to be mailed to each of the holders of such certificates. The notice and application shall be in a form prepared by the board.

Sec. 2. Original section 76-547, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.