

546.10 Professional licensing and regulation division superintendent of savings and loan associations.

1. The professional licensing and regulation division shall administer and coordinate the licensing and regulation of several professions by bringing together the following licensing boards:

a. The engineering and land surveying examining board created pursuant to chapter 542B.

b. The Iowa accountancy examining board created pursuant to chapter 542.

c. The real estate commission created pursuant to chapter 543B.

d. The architectural examining board created pursuant to chapter 544A.

e. The landscape architectural examining board created pursuant to chapter 544B.

f. The real estate appraiser examining board created pursuant to section 543D.4.

2. The division is headed by the administrator of professional licensing and regulation who shall be appointed by the governor subject to confirmation by the senate and shall serve a four-year term that begins and ends as provided in section 69.19. A vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in the same manner as a full-term appointment is made. The administrator shall appoint and supervise staff and shall coordinate activities for the licensing boards within the division. The administrator shall act as a staff person to one or more of the licensing boards.

3. The licensing and regulation examining boards included in the division pursuant to subsection 1 retain the powers granted them pursuant to the chapters in which they are created, except for budgetary and personnel matters which shall be handled by the administrator. Each licensing board shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A. Decisions by a licensing board are final agency actions for purposes of chapter 17A.

Notwithstanding subsection 5, eighty-five percent of the funds received annually resulting from an increase in licensing fees implemented on or after April 1, 2002, by a licensing board or commission listed in subsection 1, is appropriated to the professional licensing and regulation division to be allocated to the board or commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and succeeding fiscal years, for purposes related to the duties of the board or commission, including but not limited to additional full-time equivalent positions. The director of the department of administrative services shall draw warrants upon the treasurer of state from the funds appropriated as provided in this section and shall make the funds available to the professional licensing division on a monthly basis during each fiscal year.

4. The professional licensing and regulation division of the department of commerce may expend additional funds, including funds for additional personnel, if those additional expenditures are directly the cause of actual examination expenses exceeding funds budgeted for examinations. Before the division expends or encumbers an amount in excess of the funds budgeted for examinations, the director of the department of management shall approve the expenditure or encumbrance. Before approval is given, the director of the department of management shall determine that the examination expenses exceed the funds budgeted by the general assembly to the division and the division does not have other funds from which the expenses can be paid. Upon approval of the director of the department of management, the division may expend and encumber funds for excess examination expenses. The amounts necessary to fund the examination expenses shall be collected as fees from additional examination applicants and shall be treated as repayment receipts as defined in section 8.2, subsection 8.

5. Fees collected under chapters 542, 542B, 543B, 543D, 544A, and 544B shall be paid to the treasurer of state and credited to the general fund of the state. All expenses required in the discharge of the duties and responsibilities imposed upon the professional licensing division of the department of commerce, the

administrator, and the licensing boards by the laws of this state shall be paid from moneys appropriated by the general assembly for those purposes. All fees deposited into the general fund of the state, as provided in this subsection, shall be subject to the requirements of section 8.60.

6. The administrator of professional licensing and regulation is the superintendent of savings and loan associations. The administrator may appoint an individual to act as the superintendent who shall serve as the superintendent at the pleasure of the administrator.

86 Acts, ch 1245, § 710; 88 Acts, ch 1274, §41; 90 Acts, ch 1247, § 18; 90 Acts, ch 1261, § 42; 91 Acts, ch 260, §1246; 93 Acts, ch 131, §24; 94 Acts, ch 1107, §94, 95; 94 Acts, ch 1187, §22; 2001 Acts, ch 55, §33, 34, 38; 2002 Acts, 2nd Ex, ch 1003, §33, 35; 2003 Acts, ch 145, § 286; 2005 Acts, ch 19, §115

Footnotes

Confirmation, see § 2.32

Regulation of interior designers, see chapter 544C