

Summary of H.863 As Introduced

An act relating to educating specified professionals on the State's energy goals

Generally. H.863 As Introduced would require the following professionals to obtain as a condition of initial licensure and license renewal not more than two hours of education regarding the State's energy goals and how each specific profession can further those goals:

- Under the Office of Professional Regulation:
 - Architects;
 - Landscape architects;
 - Pollution abatement facility operators;
 - Potable water supply and wastewater system designers;
 - Professional engineers;
 - Property inspectors;
 - Real estate appraisers; and
 - Real estate brokers and salespersons. Sec. 2.
- Under the Department of Public Safety's Division of Fire Safety:
 - Gas appliance installers, inspectors, and servicers;
 - Oil burning equipment installers, inspectors, and servicers;
 - Limited oil burning equipment installers, inspectors, and servicers, Sec. 3; and
 - Boiler inspectors, Sec. 4.
- Under the Department of Public Safety's Electricians' Licensing Board, all three types of licensed electricians. Sec. 5.
- Under the Department of Public Safety's Plumber's Examining Board, the two types of licensed plumbers, excluding any specialty licenses. Sec. 6.

Rules. OPR and the Commissioner of DPS would be required to adopt rules requiring this education and would be required to consult with the Agency of Natural Resources and the Department of Public Service in adopting these rules. OPR would also be required to consult with the Department of Taxes in regard to the rules for real estate appraisers and real estate brokers and salespersons.

- Via Sec. 7, these rules would need to be adopted so that the education modules are established and the rules apply to the required professionals on or before 12/31/20.

Costs. All sections of the bill provide that this education shall be provided to the applicants for initial licensure and license renewal at no cost. However, OPR and the Commissioner of Public Safety would be permitted to incorporate the cost of providing this education into the professions' fee structure if that incorporation is approved by the General Assembly.