

TITLE 20—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INSURANCE
Division 2231—Division of Professional Registration
Chapter 2—Designation of License Renewal Dates and
Related *Application and Renewal Information*

EMERGENCY AMENDMENT

20 CSR 2231-2.010 Designation of License Renewal Dates and Related *Application and Renewal Information*. The divisions is amending the title and section (3).

PURPOSE: This amendment adds a convenience fee.

EMERGENCY STATEMENT: During the 102nd General Assembly, Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill 20 was passed in 2023. This piece of legislation appropriated money for American Recovery Plan Act for funds and expenses to various agencies in Missouri Government. House Bill 20 appropriated \$21,000,000.00 to the Office of Administration for the benefit of the Division of Professional Registration for a modern licensure system, MoPro, which will allow Missourians to transact business including initial licensure, renewal, name and address changes, and complaint filing with the Division of Professional Registration electronically. In order to support the system and its continued maintenance and necessary enhancements, the Division of Professional Registration must charge a service fee of seven dollars (\$7.00) to utilize the system for initial application and renewal application only. The Division of Professional Registration expects the MoPro system to go live, replacing its existing legacy system, February 20, 2024.

The emergency amendment is necessary to preserve a compelling governmental interest by establishing the fee necessary to support this enhanced system. Without the emergency amendment, the seven dollar (\$7.00) service fee will not be effective in time for the go live date of the new system and the Division will not be able to support the system.

*As a result, the Division of Professional Registration finds that there is a compelling governmental interest that requires this emergency action. A proposed amendment, which covers the same material, is published in this issue of the **Missouri Register**. The scope of this emergency amendment is limited to the circumstances creating the emergency and complies with the protections extended in the **Missouri and United States Constitutions**. Division of Professional Registration believes this emergency amendment is fair to all interested persons and parties under the circumstances. This emergency amendment was filed December 27, 2023, 2023, becomes effective February 15, 2024, and expires August 12, 2024.*

- (3) For the purpose of paying license renewal fees, the following shall apply:
- (A) The division will accept cashier's checks, money orders, and personal checks. Negotiable instruments should be made payable to the appropriate licensing board **and drawn on a United States bank or financial institution**. Individuals who use money orders should

- retain receipt of proof of purchase for at least six (6) months;
- (B) The division will accept payment by credit card, as defined by section 407.432(4), RSMo, for the purpose of renewing licenses via the Internet. Payment of license renewal fees by credit card shall be restricted to renewal submitted via the Internet only;
- 1. Payment of license fees submitted via the Internet shall include a convenience fee in the amount of seven dollars (\$7.00).**
 - 2. Applications for initial licensure and renewal submitted via paper shall not be assessed the convenience fee.**
 - 3. The division shall, on an annual basis, assess the fund and determine if the convenience fee is generating sufficient revenue to support the reasonable costs of maintaining the system or if it results in excess revenue beyond the need of supporting the system, and adjust the convenience fee as appropriate to ensure the revenues raised by the convenience fee do not exceed the reasonable costs of supporting the system.**
- (E) *[Renewal f]*Fees are *[generally]* nonrefundable. Overpayments may be refundable; and

*AUTHORITY: Section 135.690, RSMo Supp. 2022 and sections 334.125, 334.735, 334.736, 334.738, and 334.743 RSMo 2016. This rule originally filed as 4 CSR 150-7.200. Emergency rule filed Sept. 15, 1992, effective Sept. 25, 1992, expired Jan. 22, 1993. Original rule filed April 2, 1992, effective Dec. 3, 1992. Emergency rule filed Dec. 27, 2023, becomes effective Feb. 15, 2024, and expires Aug. 12, 2024. A proposed amendment covering this same material is published in this issue of the **Missouri Register**.*

PUBLIC COST: This emergency amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the time the emergency is effective.

PRIVATE COST: This emergency amendment will cost private entities seven hundred twenty-three thousand three hundred fifty-nine dollars (\$723,359) in the time the emergency is effective.