

**BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations: **DEFINITIONS**

Amend Section 1887 of Division 18 of Title 16

Specific Purpose of each adoption, amendment, or repeal:

The specific purpose of this proposal is to broaden the definition of a continuing education course to allow licensees to obtain their full thirty-six hours of continuing education through technological mechanisms.

Factual Basis

Current regulation Section 1887 defines, among other things, ways in which a licensee may obtain the required continuing education. Since technological advances now provide for obtaining and verifying completion of coursework, the Board has decided to broaden the definition of a continuing education course to allow licensees to obtain their full thirty-six hours of continuing education through technological mechanisms.

The amendments to Section 1887 will allow licensees greater options when obtaining their required continuing education.

Underlying Data

None

Business Impact

This regulation will not have a significant adverse economic impact on businesses.

Specific Technologies or Equipment

This regulation does not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

Consideration of Alternatives

No alternative which was considered would be either more effective than or equally as effective as and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation.

Set forth below is the alternative, which was considered, and the reason the alternative was rejected:

Alternative #1: Not amend the Definitions and continue to restrict the number of hours a licensee can obtain continuing education credit through technological teachings. This alternative was rejected because licensees are at a disadvantage when obtaining continuing education credit through interactive means because they are limited in how much they can apply toward their required thirty-six hours of continuing education.