

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA – DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

HEARING DATE: February 15, 2007

SUBJECT MATTER OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS: Exceptions From Continuing Education Requirements; Continuing Education Course Requirements

SECTIONS AFFECTED: Sections 1887.2 and 1887.3 of Division 18 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations

SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF EACH ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, OR REPEAL:

The specific purpose of this proposal is to reduce limitations with respect to the maximum amount of continuing education (CE) hours that a licensee can earn through self-study courses during his/her initial license period and all subsequent license renewal periods.

The Board currently allows a licensee to earn up to six (6) hours of CE through self-study courses during his/her initial license period and up to twelve (12) hours of CE through self-study courses during all subsequent license renewal periods. This proposal would change those maximum hour limitations to nine (9) and eighteen (18), respectively.

FACTUAL BASIS/RATIONALE

This proposal is reasonably necessary in order to allow licensees to earn additional hours of CE credit through self-study courses.

UNDERLYING DATA

None

BUSINESS IMPACT

This proposal will not have a significant adverse economic impact on businesses. This proposal would allow licensees to earn additional hours of CE credit through self-study courses.

SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGIES OR EQUIPMENT

The proposed regulations do not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

No reasonable alternative to the regulation would be either more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation.