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DIVISION 3. PROFESSIONS AND VOCATIONS GENERALLY [5000 - 9998.11] (*Heading of Division 3 added by Stats. 1939, Ch. 30.)*

CHAPTER 12.5. Geologists and Geophysicists [7800 - 7887] (*Heading of Chapter 12.5 amended by Stats. 1972, Ch. 1396.)*

ARTICLE 2. Administration [7810.1 - 7825] (*Article 2 added by Stats. 1968, Ch. 942.)*

7810.1. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority for the board in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions pursuant to this chapter. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

(*Amended by Stats. 2009, 4th Ex. Sess., Ch. 18, Sec. 42. (AB 20 4x) Effective October 23, 2009.*)

7818. The board, pursuant to the provisions contained in Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, may adopt, amend, or repeal rules and regulations to carry out this chapter.

(*Amended by Stats. 2016, Ch. 86, Sec. 14. (SB 1171) Effective January 1, 2017.*)

7819. Except as otherwise provided by law, all records of the board shall be open to inspection by the public during regular office hours.

(*Added by Stats. 1968, Ch. 942.*)

7820. The board shall have and use a seal bearing the name "Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists."

(*Amended by Stats. 2011, Ch. 432, Sec. 22. (SB 944) Effective January 1, 2012.*)

7821. The board shall compile and maintain, or may have compiled and maintained on its behalf, a register of all licensees that contains the licensee's name, address of record, type of branch license, license number, the date the license was issued, and the date the license will expire.

(*Amended by Stats. 2011, Ch. 432, Sec. 23. (SB 944) Effective January 1, 2012.*)

7822. The board may, by regulation, provide for the division of the certification of registration into different specialties, including, but not limited to, petroleum, mining, and ground water, and may issue certificates in one or more of the specialties in which the applicant demonstrated proficiency. The board shall provide such a certificate for those qualified in engineering geology.

(*Added by Stats. 1968, Ch. 942.*)

7825. The board shall establish relations with bodies which regulate the practice of geology and geophysics, or closely related geologic and geophysical disciplines, or which register geologists and geophysicists in the other states, and may establish relations with such bodies in other countries, for the purposes of working toward (1) uniformly high professional standards and (2) mutual recognition of registration.

(*Amended by Stats. 1972, Ch. 1396.*)