

Also in the introductory language of this section, the former power to "refuse to renew" a license is deleted as needless and misleading. Under SG § 10-404, if a licensee makes timely application for renewal, the license does not expire until the Board has acted on the application and the time for appeal has run. Under both SG § 10-405 and § 14-319 of this subtitle, ordinarily the Board must give the licensee an opportunity for a hearing before taking disciplinary action under this section. If the Board finds grounds for disciplinary action, it may suspend or revoke the license, and there is no need for a power to refuse renewal.

In item (3) of this section, the references to probation before judgment and to pleading guilty are added to clarify that receipt of probation before judgment on a crime covered under this item or pleading guilty, even in the absence of a conviction, is adequate to trigger disciplinary action under this section.

As to item (5) of this section, which is derived from former Art. 75 1/2, § 17(a)(2), the former reference to the practice of engineering as an "engineer-in-training" is deleted as an erroneous and misleading provision of the former law. An individual who, under former Art. 75 1/2, was certified as an engineer-in-training was not authorized to engage in any aspect of the practice of engineering. See the revisor's note to § 14-310 of this subtitle.

As to the code of ethics to which item (6) of this section refers, see § 14-205 of this title.

Defined terms: "Board" § 14-101

"License" § 14-101 "Practice engineering" § 14-101

"State" § 1-101

14-318. SAME -- COMMENCEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD SHALL COMMENCE PROCEEDINGS UNDER § 14-317 OF THIS SUBTITLE ON A COMPLAINT MADE TO THE BOARD BY A MEMBER OR ANY OTHER PERSON.

(B) FORM AND CONTENTS OF COMPLAINT.

(1) A COMPLAINT SHALL:

(I) BE IN WRITING;