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To Whom It May Concern:

I don't know if what was written in the "Pennsylvania Bulletin. Reference No. 16A-4710 (continuing education)" that I received last week has been officially approved. While I have no problem with the concept of requiring education units, I would strongly suggest allowing a certain amount of credit overages to be transferrable to the next earning period.

Not all companies reimburse for these expenditures and if they do, they do so but with some pause.

Getting exactly the specified amount takes some time and will take effort especially if you have licenses in different states and their renewal times are different. Right now West Virginia and Ohio renewals do not match but both allow for a certain amount of credits to be transferrable to the next year. As more and more states require continuing education as a license renewal requirement, over lapping will exist and engineers should not be penalized. It does take time and engineering time is money and that cost cannot always be hidden in fees (overhead costs).

The intent is to keep engineers "up to date" even though that should occur in the business environment anyhow. It should not become a penalty for being an engineer. Allowing transfer of a certain amount of credit hours would make for a friendlier system. West Virginia and Ohio allow for 8 hours to be transferable.

Also, the \$100 for credits...is that the new cost for the new licenses or is that the cost vendors need to pay to have their courses approved?

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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