
DIGEST

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HB 404 Engrossed

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Abstract: Authorizes individuals enrolled in certain education programs to practice polysomnography.

Present law prohibits an individual from engaging or attempting to engage in the practice of polysomnography or performing or attempting to perform polysomnograms, unless the individual is licensed by the La. State Bd. of Medical Examiners (LSBME).

Present law provides an exception for an individual enrolled in a program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) if both of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The polysomnographic procedure or service is within the individual's course of study.
- (2) The polysomnography procedure or service is performed under the direct supervision of a physician or a polysomnographic technologist licensed by the LSBME.

Proposed law retains present law but expands the exception to programs accredited by the American Board of Sleep Medicine or the American Academy of Sleep Medicine or approved by the Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists.

Present law requires an applicant for a polysomnographic technologist license after July 1, 2017, to demonstrate that the applicant has graduated from a CAAHEP accredited program and has passed an examination that is administered as a component of a certification program that is accredited by a national accrediting organization approved by the LSBME.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Requires the LSBME to promulgate all administrative rules and amendments necessary to bring its policies and procedures into conformance with the provisions of proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 37:2869(A)(3); Repeals R.S. 37:2865(A)(3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Restore present law provisions relative to polysomnographic technicians.
2. Expand the exception to the license requirement for individuals enrolled in certain education programs.
3. Delete the deadline for a notice of intent to be published.
4. Make technical changes.