

2019 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 51

BY SENATOR HEWITT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HEALTH SERVICES. Provides relative to the qualifications for certified medication attendants. (8/1/19)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1025(A), relative to the qualifications for certified medication

3 attendants; to provide for the clarification of citizenship requirements; to provide for

4 the repeal of residency requirements; to provide for minimum qualifications; to make

5 technical corrections; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 37:1025(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §1025. Qualifications of applicants to the drug administration course

9 A. Each person accepted to participate in the drug administration course shall

10 be a citizen of the United States and a resident of this state and in addition:

11 **(1) A citizen of the United States, a United States national, or an alien**

12 **lawfully admitted for permanent residency in the United States.**

13 ~~(1)(2) Must be employed~~ **Employed** in a facility operated by the office for

14 citizens with developmental disabilities, in a community home for persons with

15 developmental disabilities funded through the Louisiana Department of Health or the

16 Department of Children and Family Services, or in an intermediate care facility for

17 people with developmental disabilities, or be a person who provides in-home

- 1 Medicaid home- and community-based services.
- 2 ~~(2)~~**(3)** ~~Must be at~~ At least eighteen years of age.
- 3 ~~(3)~~**(4)** ~~Must be able~~ **Able** to read, write, and comprehend the English
- 4 language.
- 5 ~~(4)~~**(5)** ~~Must be free~~ **Free** of communicable diseases and in suitable physical
- 6 and emotional health to administer medications safely.
- 7 ~~(5)~~**(6)** ~~Must have no~~ **Without a** known record or history of drug abuse or
- 8 record of conviction of a felony.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christine Arbo Peck.

DIGEST

SB 51 Engrossed

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Present law requires an applicant for the certified medication attendant drug administration training course to be a citizen of the United States and a resident of Louisiana. Proposed law clarifies and expands the citizenship requirement to allow for a citizen of the United States, a United States national, or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residency in the United States. Proposed law repeals the state residency requirement. Proposed law retains the additional eligibility requirements for acceptance into the drug administration course set forth in present law.

Proposed law makes technical corrections to the eligibility requirements retained from present law.

Effective August 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 37:1025(A))