

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 838

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

LICENSING: Provides relative to licensing requirements for the practice of clinical laboratory science

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1324(B) and to repeal R.S. 37:1319, relative to the licensing
3 requirements for the practice of clinical laboratory science; to revise licensure
4 requirements; to repeal provisions granting licensure without examination; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 37:1324(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §1324. License in training

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10 B. An applicant who is certified by a national certification agency
11 recognized by the board, but who has not engaged in the practice of clinical
12 laboratory science within the last ~~ten~~ five years and has not maintained the
13 continuing education requirements as approved by the board, upon recommendation
14 of the committee, shall be granted a license in training to engage in the practice of
15 clinical laboratory science in the category for which he is otherwise qualified until
16 the supervised retraining period and the continuing education requirements as
17 approved by the board are completed.

18 Section 2. R.S. 37:1319 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Revises requirements for licensure of clinical laboratory scientists.

Present law requires an applicant who is certified by a national certification agency recognized by the board and has not engaged in the practice of clinical laboratory science within the last 10 years to be granted a license in training to engage in the practice of clinical laboratory science in the category for which he is otherwise qualified until the supervised retraining period and the continuing education requirements are completed.

Proposed law changes the year requirement from 10 to five and otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law repeals the present law provision that allows any individual who desires to be licensed as a clinical laboratory scientist-generalist, clinical laboratory scientist-specialist, clinical laboratory scientist-technician, cytotechnologist, or laboratory assistant to qualify for licensure and be issued the appropriate license without examination prior to January 1, 1995.

Proposed law also repeals the present law provision that allows the board, upon the recommendation of the committee, to license or certify, without examination an applicant for licensure who is duly licensed or certified in the same or comparable category for which he is applying for licensure or certification in this state if the qualifications for licensure of such applicant are at least equal to the qualifications required by proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 37:1324(B); Repeals R.S. 37:1319)