

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 747

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS: Provides relative to medical psychologists

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1360.53(2) and (4), 1360.55(C), 1360.57, 1360.58,  
3 1360.59(A), 1360.60, 1360.62(A) and (B), and 1360.67(A)(introductory paragraph),  
4 (B), and (C) and to repeal R.S. 37:1360.61(G)(5), relative to medical psychologists;  
5 to provide for the licensure of medical psychologists; to eliminate the certificate of  
6 advanced practice; to provide for fees; to provide relative to psychological  
7 technicians psychometricians; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 37:1360.53(2) and (4), 1360.55(C), 1360.57, 1360.58, 1360.59(A),  
10 1360.60, 1360.62(A) and (B), and 1360.67(A)(introductory paragraph), (B), and (C) are  
11 hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

12 §1360.53. Powers and duties of the board

13 The board shall have and exercise with respect to medical psychologists all  
14 powers and duties granted to it by R.S. 37:1261 et seq. relative to physicians. In  
15 addition, the board shall have the authority to:

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17 (2) Approve, deny, revoke, suspend, renew, and reinstate licensure ~~or~~  
18 ~~certification~~ of duly qualified applicants.

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1           (4) Conduct hearings on charges calling for the denial, suspension,  
2 revocation, or refusal to renew a license ~~or certificate~~.

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4           §1360.55. Qualifications of applicants

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6           C. Any medical psychologist who obtains a medical psychology license  
7 pursuant to this Section ~~shall be~~ is exclusively licensed and regulated by the board  
8 and ~~shall is~~ is not ~~be~~ required to maintain a license to practice psychology issued by the  
9 Louisiana Board of Examiners of Psychologists for any purpose, including renewal  
10 of the medical psychology license ~~or to receive a certificate of advanced practice~~ in  
11 accordance with R.S. 37:1360.57. The provisions of this Subsection ~~shall~~ are not ~~be~~  
12 construed as prohibiting an individual from choosing to maintain dual licensure as  
13 both a medical psychologist and a psychologist. In the event that an individual  
14 chooses to maintain dual licensure as both a medical psychologist and a  
15 psychologist, that individual will be licensed and regulated as a medical psychologist  
16 by the board and will be licensed and regulated as a psychologist by the Louisiana  
17 Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

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19           §1360.57. ~~Certificate of advanced practice~~ License for advanced practice of medical  
20   psychology

21           A. A medical psychologist who obtains a medical psychology license in  
22 accordance with R.S. 37:1360.55 and who possesses all of the following additional  
23 qualifications to the satisfaction of the board shall be issued a ~~certificate of advanced~~  
24 practice license for the advanced practice of medical psychology:

25                           (1) Three years of experience practicing as a medical psychologist.

26                           (2) Treatment of a minimum of one hundred patients involving the use of a  
27 range of psychotropic medications, including but not limited to antipsychotics,  
28 antidepressants, psychostimulants, mood stabilizers, anxiolytics, and hypnotics, that  
29 demonstrate the competence of the medical psychologist.

1 (3) The recommendation of two collaborating physicians, each of whom  
2 holds an unconditional license to practice medicine in Louisiana, and who are each  
3 familiar with the applicant's competence to practice medical psychology.

4 (4) The recommendation of the Medical Psychology Advisory Committee.

5 (5) The completion of a minimum of one hundred hours of continuing  
6 medical education relating to the use of medications in the management of patients  
7 with psychiatric illness commencing with the issuance of a license by the board in  
8 accordance with R.S. 37:1360.55.

9 B. The fee for an initial application and license issued by the board to an  
10 advanced practice medical psychologist shall not exceed three hundred twenty five  
11 dollars. The renewal of a license for advanced practice of medical psychology shall  
12 not exceed three hundred dollars.

13 §1360.58. Issuance and renewal of license

14 A. The board shall issue a license ~~or certificate~~ to any person who meets the  
15 qualifications provided for in this Part and the rules and regulations of the board, and  
16 who pays the respective fees fixed by the board.

17 B. A license ~~or certificate~~ issued ~~under~~ in accordance with the provisions of  
18 this Part shall be subject to annual renewal and shall expire and become null and  
19 void unless renewed in the manner prescribed by the board.

20 §1360.59. Designation of license

21 A. A license ~~or certificate~~ issued ~~under~~ in accordance with this Part shall  
22 designate the licensee's status with respect to advanced practice.

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24 §1360.60. Reinstatement of license

25 A. Any license ~~or certificate~~ suspended, revoked, or otherwise restricted by  
26 the board may be reinstated by the board.

27 B. A license ~~or certificate~~ that has expired without renewal may be reinstated  
28 by the board for a period of two years from the date of expiration, ~~provided~~ if the  
29 applicant is otherwise eligible ~~under~~ pursuant to the provisions of this Part, pays the

1 applicable fees, and satisfies the continuing education and such other requirements  
2 as may be established by the board.

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4 §1360.62. Standards of practice for medical psychologists holding ~~certificates a~~  
5 license of advanced practice

6 A. Patients receiving care from a medical psychologist who holds a  
7 ~~certificate~~ license of advanced practice issued in accordance with this Part shall have  
8 an established primary care provider who shall be responsible for the patient's overall  
9 medical care.

10 B. The primary care provider shall evaluate the patient for medical  
11 conditions in accordance with customary practice standards and as might be  
12 indicated based on the medications that the patient is receiving and risk factors that  
13 may be present. If the primary care provider refers the patient to a medical  
14 psychologist holding a ~~certificate~~ license of advanced practice for the express  
15 purpose of evaluation and treatment to include drug management, this condition shall  
16 be considered met.

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18 §1360.67. Causes for refusal to issue, suspension or revocation of ~~licenses, permits,~~  
19 ~~and certificates~~ licenses and permits

20 A. The board may refuse to issue, or may suspend or revoke any ~~license or~~  
21 ~~certificate,~~ license, or impose probationary or other restrictions on any license or  
22 certificate issued ~~under~~ pursuant to this Part for the following causes:

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24 B. The board may, as a probationary condition, or as a condition of the  
25 reinstatement of any license ~~or certificate~~ suspended or revoked hereunder, require  
26 the license ~~or certificate~~ holder to pay all costs of the board proceedings, including  
27 investigator, stenographer, and attorney fees, and to pay a fine not to exceed five  
28 thousand dollars.

1 C. Any license ~~or certificate~~ suspended, revoked, or otherwise restricted by  
2 the board may be reinstated by the board.

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4 Section 2. R.S. 37:1360.61(G)(5) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Combines the licensing and certification of medical psychologists and authorizes the board to establish a fee for the licensing.

Present law requires medical psychologists to be licensed by the La. St. Bd. of Medical Examiners to practice as a medical psychologist in this state. Present law further provides that when a medical psychologist meets certain requirements, he may obtain a certificate of advanced practice.

Present law provides that a medical psychologist with a certificate of advanced practice has more autonomy and responsibility.

Proposed law combines the medical psychologist license and the medical psychologist certificate of advance practice and eliminates the certificate of advanced practice.

Proposed law provides that the board may establish a fee not to exceed \$325.

Present law provides that a medical psychologist shall provide the board with the name and credentials of a psychological technician or psychometerician under his supervision.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 37:1360.53(2) and (4), 1360.55(C), 1360.57, 1360.58, 1360.59(A), 1360.60, 1360.62(A) and (B), and 1360.67(A)(intro. para.), (B), and (C); Repeals R.S. 37:1360.61(G)(5))