

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 272

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREENE

FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS: Provides for an application for licensure fee and licensure renewal fee for professional geoscientists and geoscientists-in-training

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:711.20(A) and to enact R.S. 37:711.13(D) and 711.20(C),
3 relative to the Louisiana Professional Geoscience Practice Act; to provide for license
4 application fees; to provide for license renewal fees; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 37:711.20(A) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
8 37:711.13(D) and 711.20(C) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §711.13. Application for licensure or certification; fees

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11 D.(1) An application fee for professional geoscientists or geoscientists-in-
12 training shall be established at the discretion of the board but shall not exceed two
13 hundred dollars and shall not be increased by the board by more than thirty dollars
14 in any three-year period.

15 (2) The application fee shall accompany the application. If the board denies
16 the issuance of a license or certification to any applicant, the application fee shall be
17 retained by the board. An unsuccessful applicant shall pay the prescribed fee for
18 each subsequent application.

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1 §711.20. Expiration and renewals; fees

2 A. Licensure and certification shall expire at a time specified by the board

3 and shall become invalid after that date unless renewed. It shall be the duty of the

4 executive secretary of the board to notify by letter to his last known address each

5 licensee and certificate holder of the date of the expiration of the license or

6 certificate and the requirements for its renewal. The notice shall be mailed at least

7 one month in advance of the expiration of such license or certificate. Renewal of

8 licensure as a professional geoscientist or geoscientist-in-training may be effected

9 at any time during the two months prior to expiration by the payment of a fee not to

10 exceed one hundred fifty dollars per year at the discretion of the board. The board

11 shall not increase the renewal fee by more than twenty dollars in any one-year

12 period.

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14 C. A maximum fee for late renewal shall be established by the board, but

15 shall not exceed three times the normal renewal fee.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for application fees for the licensure of geoscientists and allows fees for renewal of licenses.

Present law provides for licensure of professional geoscientists and geoscientists-in-training under the La. Professional Geoscience Practice Act.

Proposed law retains present law and requires the payment of an application fee for licensure established at the discretion of the board, not to exceed \$200. Prohibits the board from increasing the application fee by more than \$30 in a three-year period. Proposed law further requires the payment of a licensure renewal fee established by the board, not to exceed \$150. Prohibits the board from increasing the renewal fee by more than \$20 in any one-year period. Allows for the establishment of a maximum late renewal fee not to exceed three times the normal renewal fee.

(Amends R.S. 37:711.20(A); Adds R.S. 37:711.13(D) and 711.20(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill.

1. Allowed for the licensure renewal fee not to exceed \$150 instead of \$100.
2. Specified that the renewal is annual and not biennial.