

1 treatment of physicians suffering from substance abuse, chemical dependency,
 2 psychiatric conditions, or physical deficiencies which may interfere with their ability
 3 to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety as defined in R.S.
 4 37:1285(A)(25).

5 (2) The ~~twenty-five~~ **fifty** dollar fee established in this Subsection shall be
 6 due and payable at the time of application for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement
 7 of any license, permit, certificate, or registration.

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DIGEST

Buffington (SB 427)

Present law provides that, in addition to all other applicable fees and costs, the LSBME shall charge a \$25 fee at the time of issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a physician license, certificate, permit, or registration.

Present law provides that this fee shall be utilized for the identification, monitoring, assistance, and procurement of treatment of physicians suffering from any of the following:

- (1) Substance abuse.
- (2) Chemical dependency.
- (3) Psychiatric conditions.
- (4) Physical deficiencies which may interfere with the physician's ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety.

Proposed law increases the fee from \$25 to \$50.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 37:1281(B))