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Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 427

BY SENATOR BUFFINGTON

HEALTH/HOSPITALS DEPT. Provides relative to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners. (8/1/14)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1281(B), relative to certain additional fees for the issuance,
3	renewal, or reinstatement of physician licenses, permits, certificates, or registrations;
4	to authorize the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to increase the annual
5	fee utilized for identification, monitoring, assistance, and procurement of treatment
6	of physicians suffering from behavioral, psychiatric, or physical conditions which
7	may interfere with their ability to practice medicine; and to provide for related
8	matters.
9	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
10	Section 1. R.S. 37:1281(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
11	§1281. Fees and costs
12	* * *
13	B.(1) In addition to all other applicable fees and costs attendant to the
14	issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of any license, certificate, permit, or registration
15	issued to a physician by the board pursuant to this Part, the board shall charge and
16	collect an additional annual fee of twenty-five <u>fifty</u> dollars from each physician to
17	be utilized for the identification, monitoring, assistance, and procurement of

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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 <u>fifty</u> 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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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

DIGEST

Buffington (SB 427)

<u>Present law</u> 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.

<u>Present law</u> 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))