

2015 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 113

BY SENATOR GALLOT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

PSYCHOLOGISTS. Provides relative to membership of the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, qualifications of certain licensees, and maintenance of board documents and records. (8/1/15)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2353(A)(3), (4), (5) and (6), 2354(E), 2356(G), and 2365(D) and to enact R.S. 37:2353(A)(7), relative to the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists; to provide for eligibility of board members; to provide relative to qualification of certain licensees; to provide for maintenance of records; to provide for certain terms, conditions, procedures, requirements, and effects; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:2353(A)(3), (4), (5) and (6), 2354(E), 2356(G), and 2365(D) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 37:2353(A)(7) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2353. State board of examiners; organization; duties; meetings; fees

A.(1) * * *

(3) Each board member shall have rendered service, teaching, training, or research in psychology for at least five years in Louisiana, shall have held a doctoral degree in psychology from a school or college as defined in this Chapter for a period of five years, and shall be licensed under this Chapter **for a minimum of five years.**

(4) **Notwithstanding the provisions of this Subsection, no person shall be**

1 eligible to serve as a board member if he is employed by the board, has a
 2 contract with the board for services, or within the preceding twelve months of
 3 his nomination was employed by the board or had a contract with the board for
 4 services.

5 (5) Board members shall serve without compensation but shall receive
 6 seventy-five dollars per diem allowance plus the mileage rate provided state
 7 employees to cover expenses incurred while engaged in the discharge of their duties.

8 (5)(6) Membership on the board of a public employee or official shall not
 9 constitute dual office holding within the meaning of R.S. 42:61 et seq.

10 (6)(7) Each appointment by the governor shall be submitted to the Senate for
 11 confirmation.

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13 §2354. Fees

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15 E.(1) ~~The status of psychologist emeritus is hereby created. To qualify for~~
 16 ~~status as psychologist emeritus, the applicant must annually make~~ **A licensed**
 17 **psychologist who is sixty-five years of age or older may be eligible for a**
 18 **reduction in the annual renewal fee if he makes** a satisfactory showing to the
 19 board, in a manner to be determined by the board, **of all of the following:**

20 (a) ~~that the applicant is~~ **He is** sixty-five years **of age** or older.

21 (b) ~~, has~~ **He has** held continuous licensure as a psychologist in the state for
 22 at least twenty years.

23 (c) ~~, and at~~ **At** the time of application, **he** is retired from the full-time practice
 24 of psychology or any other full-time employment.

25 (2) The annual renewal fee for ~~those qualifying as psychologist emeritus a~~
 26 **licensed psychologist who is eligible for a fee reduction pursuant to this**
 27 **Subsection** shall be one-half of the amount of the current licensure renewal fee.

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29 §2356. Licensure of psychologists by written and oral examination

licensed as a psychologist in Louisiana for a minimum of five years.

Proposed law provides that no person shall be eligible to serve as a board member if he is employed by the board, has a contract with the board for services, or within the preceding 12 months of his nomination, was employed by the board or had a contract with the board for services.

Present law classifies certain licensees as psychologist emeritus if certain qualifications are met and provides that a psychologist emeritus is eligible for a reduction in the annual renewal fee.

Proposed law removes the psychologist emeritus status classification and provides that a licensed psychologist who is 65 years of age or older may be eligible for a reduction in the annual renewal fee if he meets certain qualifications.

Present law provides that the board must maintain certain records for a period of two years.

Proposed law removes the two year retention period and provides that the board must maintain certain records in electronic or other format.

Present law provides that any nonresident duly licensed or certified for independent practice as a psychologist in the state of his residence, and which state will permit residents of this state a like and similar privilege as provided herein, may, if associated with a psychologist who is a resident of the state of Louisiana and licensed under the present law, practice as a psychologist for a period not to exceed 30 days in any calendar year to the same extent and manner as if licensed in this state.

Proposed law provides that any nonresident duly licensed or certified for independent practice as a psychologist in the state of his residence, and which state will permit residents of this state a like and similar privilege as provided herein, may, if an application is submitted to the board with payment of the appropriate fee, practice as a psychologist for a maximum of 30 days throughout a calendar year to the same extent and manner as if licensed in this state

Effective August 1, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 37:2353(A)(3), (4), (5) and (6), 2354(E), 2356(G), and 2365(D); adds R.S. 37:2353(A)(7))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to the original bill

1. Deletes provisions relative to appointment of board members.