

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law provided that the La. State Board of Nursing, referred to hereafter as "the board", shall be composed of eight registered nurses appointed by the governor from a list of names submitted by the La. State Nurses Association, one certified registered nurse anesthetist appointed by the governor from a list of names submitted by the La. Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Ltd., and two physicians appointed by the governor from a list of names submitted by the La. State Medical Society who shall serve as ex officio members of the board and shall serve only as advisors and shall not vote.

New law revises the composition of the board by removing the two nonvoting physician members and adding in lieu thereof two members who are representatives of the consumers of the state at-large appointed by the governor, neither of whom shall be a nurse, and both of whom shall be voting members. Otherwise, new law retains as existing law the remaining composition of the board.

New law requires that each consumer member of the board possess all of the following qualifications:

- (1) Is a citizen of the United States and has been a resident of La. for at least one year immediately prior to appointment.
- (2) Has attained the age of majority.
- (3) Has never engaged in any activity directly related to the practice of professional nursing.
- (4) Has never been convicted of a felony.

Prior law provided that the board shall be composed, in part, of three members who are nurse educators, three members who are in areas of nursing practice other than nursing service administration or nursing education, and one advanced practice registered nurse. New law provides that the board shall be composed, in part, of three members who are nurse educators, one of whom is a representative of an associate degree program in nursing (if such a representative applies to be and is submitted as a candidate for board membership); three members who are in areas of nursing practice other than nursing service administration or nursing education, one of whom shall be an advanced practice registered nurse; and one certified registered nurse anesthetist.

Existing law provides for licensure by endorsement of registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses who are duly licensed under the laws of another state, territory, or country, who file an application and meet qualifications for licensure in this state as provided in existing law. New law retains existing law and stipulates that the board may conduct licensure by endorsement only in accordance with the provisions of existing law.

Existing law requires the board to establish reasonable fees for issuance and renewal of licenses and permits, and provides that such fees shall not exceed \$100. New law retains existing law and stipulates that such fees shall not exceed \$100 per calendar year.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 37:914(B)(1), 916, 917, and 927(A); Adds R.S. 37:920(B)(3))