## **DIGEST**

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HB 326 Engrossed

2017 Regular Session

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**Abstract:** Makes changes with respect to exams and certain fees and fines assessed by the La. State Board of Cosmetology (board).

<u>Present law</u> requires examinations for special permits to be given at least twice per year. <u>Proposed law</u> removes this requirement.

<u>Present law</u> provides that applicants for license examinations are responsible for all costs associated with taking exams at test centers that are off-site from the board's testing center. <u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> further provides that applicants are responsible for costs of exams administered by a third-party testing company at the board's testing center or at an off-site testing center.

<u>Proposed law</u> makes certain changes to fees assessed by the board. Provides that assessed fees are nonrefundable.

Present law provides for assessed fees for certain examinations. Proposed law retains present law.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes from <u>present law</u> the reference to certain resident and non-resident statuses, positions, permits, and applicable fees.

<u>Proposed law</u> establishes or increases fees for certain license renewal, permits, registrations, inspections, and expired certificates.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes fines for certain violations. <u>Proposed law</u> increases such fines.

(Amends R.S. 37:586(A), 599(A), and 601)

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill:

1. Changes the initial application fee and annual renewal fee for the license, permit, or certificate of a cosmetologist, esthetician, manicurist, or teacher <u>from</u> \$25.00 to \$35.00.