

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 404

BY REPRESENTATIVES HENSGENS AND BARRAS

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

HEALTH CARE: Amends the Polysomnographic Practice Act

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2869(A)(3) and to repeal R.S. 37:2865(A)(3), relative to the
3 practice of polysomnography; to authorize individuals enrolled in a certified
4 education program to practice polysomnography; to require rulemaking by the
5 Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 37:2869(A)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §2869. Individuals and practices not affected

9 A. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed as prohibiting, preventing, or
10 restricting the practice, services, or activities of:

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12 (3)(a) Any individual pursuing a course of study in a ~~CAAHEP accredited~~
13 ~~polysomnographic technology education program from~~ one of the following:

14 (i) A program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied
15 Health Education Programs.

16 (ii) A sleep technologist program accredited by the American Board of Sleep
17 Medicine.

18 (iii) A sleep technologist program accredited by the American Academy of
19 Sleep Medicine.

Proposed law retains present law but expands the exception to programs accredited by the American Board of Sleep Medicine or the American Academy of Sleep Medicine or approved by the Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists.

Present law requires an applicant for a polysomnographic technologist license after July 1, 2017, to demonstrate that the applicant has graduated from a CAAHEP accredited program and has passed an examination that is administered as a component of a certification program that is accredited by a national accrediting organization approved by the LSBME.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Requires the LSBME to promulgate all administrative rules and amendments necessary to bring its policies and procedures into conformance with the provisions of proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 37:2869(A)(3); Repeals R.S. 37:2865(A)(3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Restore present law provisions relative to polysomnographic technicians.
2. Expand the exception to the license requirement for individuals enrolled in certain education programs.
3. Delete the deadline for a notice of intent to be published.
4. Make technical changes.