

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 404

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(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

HEALTH CARE: Amends the Polysomnographic Practice Act.

DIGEST

Present law provides that a polysomnographic technologist license may be issued by the La. State Bd. of Medical Examiners (LSBME) if the applicant demonstrates all of the following:

- (1) Good moral character.
- (2) Has current credentials as a registered polysomnographic technologist granted by the Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists or equivalent organization approved by the LSBME.
- (3) After July 1, 2017, the following requirements shall also be met:
 - (a) Applicant has graduated from a Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Program (CAAHEP).
 - (b) Applicant has passed an examination that is administered as a component of a certification program that is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies, the American National Standards Institute, or other national accrediting organizations approved by the LSBME.
- (4) Satisfies such other procedures and requirements as the LSBME may require.

Proposed law repeals requirement that the applicant has graduated from a CAAHEP accredited program.

Present law prohibits an individual from engaging or attempting to engage in the practice of polysomnography or performing or attempting to perform polysomnograms, unless the individual is licensed by the LSBME.

Present law provides an exception for an individual enrolled in a program accredited by the CAAHEP if both of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The polysomnographic procedure or service is within the individual's course of study.
- (2) The polysomnography procedure or service is performed under the direct supervision of a physician or a polysomnographic technologist licensed by the LSBME.

Proposed law provides that the exception shall apply to any individual pursuing a course of study in a polysomnographic technology education program approved by the LSBME.

Proposed law repeals the definition of Association of Polysomnographic Technologists.

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.

Present law provides that provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to licensed respiratory therapists.

Proposed law provides that the Chapter does not prohibit, prevent, or restrict practice of an individual pursuing a course of study in a program accredited by the Commission on

Accreditation for Respiratory Care if the polysomnographic procedure or service is within the individual's course of study and is performed under the direct supervision of a physician or polysomnographic technologist licensed by LSBME.

(Amends R.S. 37:2865(A)(3) and 2869(A)(3) and (B); repeals R.S. 37:2862(4))

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.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the engrossed bill

1. Provides that a polysomnographic technologist license applicant is not required to have graduated from a CAAHEO accredited program.
2. Provides that an individual pursuing a course study in polysomnographic technology from an education program approved by LSBME shall not be prohibited, prevented, or restricted from practice by this Chapter.
3. Provides that the Chapter does not prohibit, prevent, or restrict practice of an individual pursuing a course of study in a program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care if the polysomnographic procedure or service is within the individual's course of study and is performed under the direct supervision of a physician or polysomnographic technologist licensed by LSBME.
4. Makes technical changes.