

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 277

BY SENATOR CLAITOR

HEALTH CARE. Provides relative to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.  
(8/1/18)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 37:1263(B) and (B)(2) and to enact  
3 R.S. 37:1263(B)(6) and 1285(J), relative to investigations by the Louisiana State  
4 Board of Medical Examiners; to provide for suspension, revocation, or imposition  
5 of restrictions; to provide for commencement of disciplinary actions; to provide for  
6 submission of names to serve on the board; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 37:1263(B) and (B)(2) are hereby  
9 amended and reenacted and R.S. 37:1263(B)(6) and 1285(J) are hereby enacted to read as  
10 follows:

11 §1263. Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners; membership; qualifications;  
12 appointment; removal; terms

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14 B. Beginning on January 1, 2017, the board shall consist of ~~seven~~ **nine** voting  
15 members, all appointed by the governor and subject to Senate confirmation as  
16 follows:

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1                   (2) One member from a list of names submitted by the Louisiana State  
 2                   University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans and **one member from a list of**  
 3                   **names submitted by** the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at  
 4                   Shreveport.

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6                   **(6) One non-physician member from a list of names submitted by the**  
 7                   **chairmen of the Senate and House committees on health and welfare.**

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9                   §1285. Causes for nonissuance; suspension; revocation; or the imposition of  
 10                   restrictions; fines; reinstatement; publication of action; stays

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12                   **J. No disciplinary proceeding provided for in this Section shall**  
 13                   **commence prior to a complaint being submitted to the board in accordance with**  
 14                   **R.S. 37:1285.2.**

The original instrument was prepared by Margaret M. Corley. The following  
 digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was  
 prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

DIGEST

SB 277 Reengrossed

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Present law provides for membership on the La. State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME). Proposed law increases the number of members from seven to nine. Present law provides for the appointment of one board member from a list of names submitted by the LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans.

Proposed law retains present law and that an additional provides that member be appointed from a list of names submitted by the LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport.

Proposed law further provides that a non-physician member be appointed from a list of names submitted by the chairmen of the senate and house committees on health and welfare.

Present law provides relative to investigations by the LSBME. Present law provides for the procedure and causes for refusal to issue or revocation of any license or permit under its authority.

Proposed law provides that no proceeding for disciplinary action may commence prior to receipt by the board of a complaint as provided for in present law.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 37:1263(B)(intro para) and (B)(2); adds R.S. 37:1263(B)(6) and 1285(J))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by SenateCommittee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Replaces the physician member appointed to the board from a list of names submitted by Tulane Medical School with a non-physician member appointed from a list of names submitted by the chairmen of the senate and house committees on health and welfare and limits that appointment to a one-year term.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Increases LSBME membership from seven to nine.
2. Adds one member appointed from a list of names submitted by the LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport.
3. Removes provision that the non-physician member serve only one term.