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DIGEST

SB 40 Reengrossed 2018 Regular Session Mills

Proposed law updates the transfer of agencies to the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) provisions to remove repealed and obsolete citations and references and categorizes those entities statutorily created within the department.

Present law transfers and places the Board of Veterinary Medicine in the Louisiana Department of Health. Proposed law transfers the Board of Veterinary Medicine from the Louisiana Department of Health to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

Present law lists all board members and their qualifications to serve on the boards of agencies within LDH. Proposed law adds at least one consumer member to any board that did not previously have one and provides standardized eligibility criteria of consumers to serve on any board.

Proposed law provides that the governor shall ensure that his appointments demonstrate race, gender, ethnic, and geographical diversity.

Present law provides for professional trade associations and other entities to select and submit nominees to the governor for board appointment. Proposed law opens board nomination eligibility to any member licensed by the board who is interested and eligible. Proposed law requires the board to send notice to its licensees to fill board positions and submit the names of those interested and eligible to serve to the governor for board appointment.

Proposed law increases the number of board members for the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists from five to six. Proposed law increases the number of board members for the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board from five to seven.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 36:259, 801.1(A), 802(intro para), and 803(A)(1), R.S. 37:753(B), (C)(4) and (J), 832(A)(2) and (B)(2), 914(B)(1) and (C)(6), 915, 916(B), 962(B) and (C), 1042, 1104(A), (B)(1) and (2)(a), and (C), 1172(A), 1174(B), 1263(C), 1515(A)(1), 2102, 2353(A)(1), (2) and (3), 2359(B)(intro para), 2403(B), 2455(B)(1), (3), (4) and (5), 2654(A), 2704(A)(intro para), (A)(5), (B), (C) and (G), 2802, 3061(A)(1) and (2), 3084, 3201, 3389, 3444(A), (B) and (C), 3463(A), (B) and (E), 3554(A) and (B), and 3703(B), (C) and (D); adds R.S. 36:629(S) and R.S. 37:753(C)(5), 914(B)(3) and 962(D); repeals R.S. 37:3061(A)(3) and (4) and R.S. 40:5.11(C), (D), (E) and (F))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Makes technical amendments.
2. Adds a provision requiring the governor to ensure race, gender, ethnic, and geographical diversity in his appointments to health profession licensing boards.
3. Increases the number of board members for the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists from five to six.
4. Increases the number of board members for the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board from five to seven.
5. Removes the radiological physicist appointee and restores a hospital administrator appointee to the Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners.
6. Restores nominating entities for appointments to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Make technical changes.
2. Removes the Board of Examiners for Nursing Facility Administrators.