

DIGEST

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SB 40 Reengrossed

2018 Regular Session

Mills

Proposed law provides for the transfer of healthcare professional licensing agencies, boards, commissions, and like entities to the La. Department of Health (LDH) and deletes repealed and obsolete citations and references.

Present law places the La. Board of Veterinary Medicine within LDH. Proposed law places the board within the La. Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry.

Present law provides for the membership of and qualifications for healthcare professional licensing boards. Proposed law retains present law and adds at least one consumer member to each healthcare professional licensing board that did not previously have one. Provides standardized eligibility criteria for such consumer members.

Proposed law requires the governor to ensure that his appointments to healthcare professional licensing boards demonstrate diversity with respect to race, gender, ethnicity, and geography.

Proposed law authorizes all licensing boards and commissions created and provided for in present law to develop a process to issue a license, permit, or certificate outside the national examination for those individuals with a disorder which is recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

(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), 915, 916(B), 962(B) and (C), 1042, 1104(A) and (B)(1), 1172(A), 1174(B), 1263(C), 1515(A)(1), 2102, 2353(A)(1), (2), and (3), 2359(B)(intro. para.), 2403(B)(intro. para.), 2455(B)(1), (4), and (5), 2654(A), 2704(A)(intro. para.), (5), (B), and (C), 2802, 3061(A)(1)(a) and (2)(c), 3084(A), (B)(1)(intro. para.) and (2), (C), (D), and (G), 3201(B)(1)(d) and (2), (C), and (D), 3389(B)(intro. para.) and (5), (C), (E), and (G), 3444(A) and (B), 3463(A) and (B), 3554(A) and (B), and 3703(B), (C), and (D), and R.S. 40:5.11 (Section heading); Adds R.S. 37:23.1, 753(C)(5), 914(B)(3), 962(D), 2403(B)(6), (G), and (H), 3061(A)(1)(d) and (D), 3084(B)(1)(e), and 3389(B)(6); Repeals R.S. 37:3389(A) and (D) and R.S. 40:5.11(C) through (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.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Delete the entirety of proposed law amending or repealing present law relative to nomination by professional trade associations of candidates for positions on boards and commissions that license and regulate healthcare professionals.
2. Provide that any board or commission created and provided for in present law may develop a process to issue a license, permit, or certificate outside the national examination for those individuals with a disorder which is recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act.
3. Make technical changes.