

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 445

2018 Regular Session

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HEALTH: Provides relative to the Louisiana Licensed Professional Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors Board of Examiners

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Requires the governor to ensure that his appointments to the La. Licensed Professional Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors Board of Examiners, referred to hereafter as the "board", demonstrate race, gender, ethnic, and geographical diversity.
2. Increases the number of licensed professional vocational rehabilitation counselors on the five-member board from three to four.
3. Deletes present law providing that two members of the five-member board shall be individuals from the public at large and inserts in lieu thereof proposed law providing that one member of the board shall be a consumer member. Provides that the consumer members may apply directly to the office of the governor.
4. Provides that the consumer member shall be selected from the state at large and shall possess all of the following qualifications:
 - (a) Is a citizen of the U.S. and has been a resident of La. for at least one year immediately prior to appointment.
 - (b) Has attained the age of majority.
 - (c) Has never been licensed by any of the healthcare professional licensing boards created in present law, nor shall he have a spouse who has ever been licensed by one of those boards.
 - (d) Has never been convicted of a felony.
 - (e) Does not have and has never had a material financial interest in the healthcare profession.
5. Provides that the consumer members shall be full voting members of the board with all rights and privileges conferred on board members, except that the consumer members shall not participate in the grading of individual examinations.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law creates the five-member La. Licensed Professional Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors Board of Examiners, referred to hereafter as the "board". Provides that the members of the board are appointed by the governor from a list of candidates supplied by the La. Association of Rehabilitation Professionals. Provides further that the membership of the board shall consist of three licensed professional vocational rehabilitation counselors and two individuals from the public at large.

Proposed law revises present law to update the name of the professional association which supplies the list of candidates for the board from "La. Association of Rehabilitation Professionals" to "International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals-La".

Proposed law revises present law to increase the number of licensed professional vocational rehabilitation counselors serving on the board from three to four.

Proposed law deletes present law providing that two members of the five-member board shall be individuals from the public at large. Provides instead that one member of the board shall be a consumer member. Provides that the consumer members may apply directly to the office of the governor.

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Present law requires the board to adopt the Code of Ethics of the National Association for Rehabilitation Professionals in the Private Sector. Proposed law revises present law to require the board to adopt the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification Code of Professional Ethics.

(Amends R.S. 37:3444(A)-(C) and 3445(D))