

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 498 by Representative Emerson

LICENSING: Provides relative to occupational license and examination fee waiver and payment plan for qualified individuals

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Synopsis of Senate Amendments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mandates that an individual who is in good standing with a licensing board and has been provided a payment plan shall be denied renewal of his license if he fails to remit payment in full within the allotted twelve-month payment period.2. Exempts a license issued and regulated under the authority of the judicial branch of government from the provisions of <u>proposed law</u>.3. Makes technical changes. |
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Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law requires licensing boards to waive certain fees for applicants who meet either of the following criteria:

- (1) Receiving public assistance.
- (2) Earning less than 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, unless the applicant has been in an undergraduate or graduate school full time and therefore unable to work.

Proposed law requires licensing boards to inform applicants that they may be eligible for a fee waiver by placing notification on the application, and to provide instructions on how the applicant can request further information.

Proposed law requires licensing boards to offer payment plans to all qualified applicants.

Proposed law stipulates that fees paid by the payment plans are not to exceed the amount of fees charged for applicants paying the full price of exam or licensing.

Proposed law requires an individual who is in good standing with the licensing board and has been provided a payment plan to pay the account in full within 12 months of the first scheduled payment. Provides that failure to remit payment in full within the 12-month period shall result in denial of license renewal for the individual.

Proposed law only applies to licensing boards that directly administer their own examinations.

Proposed law does not apply to any license issued and regulated under the judicial branch of government.

Effective June 30, 2021.

(Adds R.S. 37:23.4)