

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

House Bill No. 197 by Representative Charles Owen

LICENSING: Provides relative to occupational licenses for dependents of healthcare professionals

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Removes definitions for "hold in good standing" and "scope of practice".
2. Adds language providing that the healthcare professional must have relocated to and be providing healthcare services in Louisiana.
3. Reorganizes provisions of proposed law relative to the procedures for a dependent to apply for licensure.
4. Makes technical changes.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Proposed law defines "dependent", "healthcare professional", and "professional or occupational licensing board".

Proposed law provides that a professional or occupational licensing board shall issue a license, certification, permit pending normal license, or registration to an applicant who is a dependent of a healthcare professional in accordance with the provisions of proposed law if the healthcare professional has relocated to and established his legal residence in Louisiana, holds a valid license to provide healthcare services in Louisiana, and is providing healthcare services in Louisiana.

Proposed law provides that the dependent of the healthcare professional shall apply to the appropriate professional or occupational licensing board pursuant to one of the following:

- (1) Licensure by endorsement or reciprocity if provided for in law.
- (2) If the applicant holds an out-of-state license but licensure by endorsement or reciprocity is not provided for in law, by providing proof of certain qualifications.
- (3) Licensure based on work experience in another state, if the applicant worked in a state that does not use an occupational license or government certification to regulate the occupation.

Proposed law provides that a professional or occupational licensing board may require an applicant to pass a jurisprudential examination specific to relevant state laws that regulate the occupation if required by law or the administrative rules promulgated by the board.

Proposed law requires the board to give the applicant a written decision regarding the application no later than 30 days after receipt of an application. Proposed law provides that the applicant may appeal decisions of the board in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

Proposed law provides that an applicant who is licensed pursuant to proposed law shall be subject to the laws regulating the occupation in this state and the jurisdiction of the professional or occupational licensing board in this state.

Proposed law preempts laws by township, municipal, parish, and other governments in this state.

Proposed law requires boards to promulgate rules to implement proposed law.

Proposed law does not apply to an occupation regulated by the state supreme court, a license issued and regulated under the judicial branch of government, any person covered under the Nurse Licensure Compact, or any person who obtains a license on a nationwide licensing or registry system.

(Adds R.S. 37:1751)