## **RÉSUMÉ DIGEST**

## ACT 238 (HB 477)

## **2021 Regular Session**

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Existing law requires the La. State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, referred to hereafter as "the board", to charge an application fee to all applicants who seek licensure pursuant to existing law.

New law retains existing law and adds that the board shall charge an application fee for each assistant to a psychologist, which shall not exceed \$50. Provides that the fee shall be charged in the month of July of each year, beginning in the year immediately subsequent to the assistant's initial registration. Requires the board to adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of new law.

Existing law provides that a person licensed by the board shall annually pay a fee during July of each year and that fee shall not exceed an amount set by the board.

New law retains existing law and adds that the board shall set a renewal fee not to exceed \$50 for every assistant to a psychologist which shall be paid in accordance with existing law. Further provides that the board shall adopt administrative rules to implement the provisions of new law.

<u>New law</u> requires the board to assess an application and renewal fee, not to exceed \$25, to an individual who sponsors a continuing professional development course or activity and who wishes for the board to review and pre-approve the course or activity. Provides that the application and renewal fee shall not exceed \$250.

<u>New law</u> provides that the board shall assess an application fee to a licensee who seeks renewal and pre-approval of a continuing professional development course or activity. Provides that the application fee shall apply only if a licensee intends to earn a credit for a course or activity in which the sponsor has not sought review or obtained approval by the board.

<u>New law</u> authorizes the board to collect reasonable admission fees from a licensee who attends a continuing professional development course or activity. Provides that such fee may be collected for any course or activity that is offered, sponsored, or co-sponsored by the board.

<u>New law</u> prohibits the board from requiring attendance for a course or activity which may be offered, sponsored, or co-sponsored. Provides that such activity shall be an elective for a licensee who chooses to attend.

<u>New law</u> authorizes the board to assess fees not to exceed \$200 for the following special services:

- (1) Application for authority to conduct telesupervision.
- (2) Application for an inactive license or renewal license status.
- (3) Application for emeritus status and renewal.
- (4) Any written or computer-generated license verification.
- (5) Any written or computer-generated disciplinary report.
- (6) To obtain a duplicate license.
- (7) To obtain a duplicate renewal certificate.
- (8) To obtain a mail list.

New law names Act No. 251 of the 2009 Regular Session "The Dr. James W. Quillin, MP, Medical Psychology Practice Act".

Effective August 1, 2021.

(Adds R.S. 37:2354(B)(4), (C)(4), (F), and (G) and §16 of Act No. 251 of the 2009 Regular Session)