FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS. Provides relative to transparency in the application process for any state-issued license or permit. (8/1/22)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 37:23.2 and R.S. 49:1308, relative to certain boards, commissions, and agencies; to require boards, commissions, and agencies to publish on the Internet certain information concerning permits and licenses; to provide for the information that must be published; to require reports; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 49:1308 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1308. Internet publication of certain information concerning permits and licenses; information required to be published; manner of publication

A.(1) Each board, commission, or agency subject to the provisions of this Chapter that issues a permit or license shall prominently include on its Internet website the information required by Subsection B of this Section.

(2) If a board, commission, or agency does not have an Internet website, the department of which the board, commission, or agency is a part shall include the information required by Subsection B of this Section for the board, commission, or agency on the website of the department.
B. All of the following information shall be included on the website:

(1) A brief description of each permit or license that the board, commission, or agency issues. For each such permit or license, links to the following shall be included:

(a) The full text of the current application.

(b) A checklist of all information required to be submitted to complete the application process.

(c) The name and contact information of the person within the board, commission, or agency responsible for responding to inquiries about the status of an application.

(d) The anticipated time line for review of a completed application.

(2) A copy of the annual report submitted to the legislative oversight committees or subcommittees by the board, commission, or agency pursuant to Subsection C of this Section.

C. Each board, commission, or agency shall annually submit to its legislative oversight committee or subcommittee a report containing the number of permit or license applications received, the number of permits or licenses issued, and time lines for approval of an application.

Section 2. R.S. 37:23.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§23.2. Internet publication of certain information concerning permits and licenses; information required to be published; manner of publication

A.(1) Each board, commission, or agency subject to the provisions of this Title that issues a permit or license shall prominently include on its Internet website the information required by Subsection B of this Section.

(2) If a board, commission, or agency does not have an Internet website, the department of which the board, commission, or agency is a part shall include the information required by Subsection B of this Section for the board, commission, or agency on the website of the department.
B. All of the following information shall be included on the website:

(1) A brief description of each permit or license that the board, commission, or agency issues. For each such permit or license, links to the following shall be included:

(a) The full text of the current application.

(b) A checklist of all information required to be submitted to complete the application process.

(c) The name and contact information of the person within the board, commission, or agency responsible for responding to inquiries about the status of an application.

(d) The anticipated time line for review of a completed application.

(2) A copy of the annual report submitted to the legislative oversight committees or subcommittees by the board, commission, or agency pursuant to Subsection C of this Section.

C. Each board, commission, or agency shall annually submit to its legislative oversight committee or subcommittee a report containing the number of permit or license applications received, the number of permits or licenses issued, and time lines for approval of an application.
Proposed law requires each board, commission, or agency to annually submit to its respective legislative oversight committee or subcommittee a report containing the number of permits and licenses applied for, number of permits or licenses issued, and the time lines for approval of an application.

Proposed law requires each such board, commission, or agency to post the required information and report on the website of the department of which it is a part if it does not have a website.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 37:23.2 and R.S. 49:1308)