

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 555

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LICENSING: Provides relative to occupational licenses

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 37:3611 and 3612, relative to occupational licensing; to provide definitions;
3 to require certain boards to publish information relative to occupational licensing on
4 their website; to require an annual update; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:3611 and 3612 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §3611. Definitions

8 For purposes of this Chapter, "professional or occupational licensing board"
9 means any state agency, board, commission, or substantially similar entity involved
10 in the licensing, certification, or registration of any regulated profession or
11 occupation within this state.

12 §3612. Licensing data to be published

13 A. A professional or occupational licensing board in this state shall publish
14 on its website all of the following:

15 (1) The total number of license renewals issued by the board statewide and
16 by parish of residency.

17 (2) The total number of new licenses issued by the board statewide and by
18 parish of residency.

19 (3) The total number of applications for license renewal that were denied by
20 the board statewide and by parish of residency.

1 (4) The total number of requests for a new license that were denied by the
2 board statewide and by parish of residency.

3 B. A professional or occupational licensing board in this state shall update
4 annually the information published pursuant to Subsection A of this Section.

5 Section 2. The information required by R.S. 37:3612 as enacted by Section 1 of this
6 Act shall be published annually beginning on February 15, 2023.

DIGEST

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HB 555 Engrossed

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Abstract: Requires professional or occupational licensing boards to publish certain information on their website and to renew the information annually.

Proposed law defines "professional or occupational licensing board" (board).

Proposed law requires a board in this state to publish all of the following information on its website:

- (1) The total number of license renewals issued by the board.
- (2) The total number of new licenses issued by the board.
- (3) The total number of applications for license renewal that were denied by the board.
- (4) The total number of applications for new licenses that were denied by the board.

Proposed law requires the board to publish the required information as it relates to the entire state and as it relates to each parish of residency.

Proposed law requires a board to update the licensing information published on its website annually beginning Feb. 15, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 37:3611 and 3612)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill:

1. Remove provisions of proposed law that require a board to provide licensure to an applicant based on the person holding an out-of-state license.
2. Remove provisions of proposed law that require a board to provide licensure to an applicant based on the person's prior work experience.
3. Remove provisions of proposed law that require a board to provide licensure to an applicant based on the person's private certification and work experience.

4. Remove provisions of proposed law relative to licensure by the La. State Board of Medical Examiners.
5. Remove provisions of proposed law relative to a jurisprudential examination.
6. Remove provisions of proposed law requiring a written decision and providing for an appeal from such a decision.
7. Remove provisions of proposed law relative to application of proposed law.
8. Remove provisions of proposed law requiring a board to adopt rules.
9. Add provisions of proposed law requiring boards to publish information relative to the issuance and denial of licenses and renewals.
10. Require the board to update the published information annually.
11. Make technical changes.