

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 555

2022 Regular Session

Charles Owen

June 6, 2022

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 555 by Representative Charles Owen, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

- 1. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Cathey (#4337) be rejected.
- 2. That the following amendments to the Engrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 4, after "update;" and before "and to provide" insert "to require submission of certain summaries;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the end of line 12, insert a semicolon ";" and "summary of licensure requirements"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete lines 5 and 6 in their entirety and insert the following:

"C. Every professional or occupational licensing board in this state shall submit a typed summary, no longer than one page, identifying requirements for obtaining a full licensure status or practice of a profession or occupation regulated by the board in this state. The board shall submit the summary prescribed in this Subsection to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs and the House Committee on Commerce.

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

(B) The summary required by R.S. 37:3612(B) as enacted by Section 1 of this Act shall be submitted to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs and the House Committee on Commerce and no later than February 15, 2023."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Charles Anthony Owen

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Senator Stewart Cathey Jr.

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Representative Paula P. Davis

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Senator Rick Ward III

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Representative Thomas Alexander Pressly, IV

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Senator Patrick Connick

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST**

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**Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House**

LICENSING: Provides relative to occupational licenses

**Report adopts Senate amendments to:**

1. Change the commencement date for which a board is required to annually update the licensing information published on its website from Feb. 15, 2023 to Jan. 1, 2024.

**Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:**

1. Changed the commencement date for which a board is required to annually update the licensing information published on its website from Feb. 15, 2023 to Jan. 1, 2024.

**Report amends the bill to:**

1. Retain Feb. 15, 2023 as the date for which a board is required to commence an annual update of licensing information published on its website.
2. Require a board to submit a typed summary, no longer than one page, identifying requirements for obtaining a full licensure status or practice of a profession or occupation regulated by the board in this state. Further require the board to deliver the summary to the Senate and House committees on commerce by Feb. 15, 2023.

**Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

Proposed law defines "professional or occupational licensing board" (board) and 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 the board to update the licensing information published on its website annually beginning Feb. 15, 2023.

Proposed law requires a board to submit a typed summary, no longer than one page, identifying requirements for obtaining a full licensure status or practice of a profession or occupation regulated by the board in this state. Further requires the board to deliver the summary to the Senate and House committees on commerce by Feb. 15, 2023.

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