

SENATE BILL NO. 183

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 37:23.2 and R.S. 49:1308, relative to certain boards, commissions, and agencies; to require state entities 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 state entity 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 state entity does not have an internet website, the department of which the state entity is a part shall include the information required by Subsection B of this Section for the state entity 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 state entity 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 state entity responsible for responding to inquiries about the status of an application.

1 (d) The anticipated timeline for review of a completed application.

2 (2) A copy of the annual report submitted to the legislative oversight
3 committees or subcommittees by the state entity pursuant to Subsection C of
4 this Section.

5 C. Each state entity shall annually submit to its legislative oversight
6 committee or subcommittee a report containing the number of permit or license
7 applications received, the number of permits or licenses issued, and timelines
8 for approval of an application.

9 D. For the purposes of this Section, "state entity" means any
10 department, office, division, commission, council, board, bureau, or other
11 regulatory agency of state government.

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

13 §23.2. Internet publication of certain information concerning permits and
14 licenses; information required to be published; manner of
15 publication

16 A.(1) Each state entity subject to the provisions of this Title that issues
17 a permit or license shall prominently include on its internet website the
18 information required by Subsection B of this Section.

19 (2) If a state entity does not have an internet website, the department of
20 which the state entity is a part shall include the information required by
21 Subsection B of this Section for the state entity on the website of the
22 department.

23 B. All of the following information shall be included on the website:

24 (1) A brief description of each permit or license that the state entity
25 issues. For each such permit or license, links to the following shall be included:

26 (a) The full text of the current application. For any license or permit
27 applied for or issued through a nationwide licensing or registry system, the state
28 entity shall provide a link to the nationwide licensing or registry system.

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

1 (c) The name and contact information of the person within the state
2 entity responsible for responding to inquiries about the status of an application.

3 (d) The anticipated timeline for review of a completed application. For
4 any license or permit applied for or issued through a nationwide licensing or
5 registry system, the state entity shall provide a reasonable estimate for the
6 timeline.

7 (2) A copy of the annual report submitted to the legislative oversight
8 committees or subcommittees by the state entity pursuant to Subsection C of
9 this Section.

10 C. Each state entity shall annually submit to its legislative oversight
11 committee or subcommittee a report containing the number of permit or license
12 applications received, the number of permits or licenses issued, and timelines
13 for approval of an application.

14 D. For the purposes of this Section, "state entity" means any
15 department, office, division, commission, council, board, bureau, or other
16 regulatory agency of state government.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____