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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

SB 183

2022 Regular Session

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Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

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

Report adopts House amendments to:

1. Require a state entity that uses a nationwide licensing or registry system to post a website link to the nationwide licensing or registry application and a reasonable estimate of time line for application approval.

Report rejects House amendments which would have:

1. Change references <u>from</u> "board, commission, or agency" <u>to</u> "board, commission, or like entity".

Report amends the bill to:

- 1. Change references <u>from</u> "board, commission, or agency" <u>to</u> "state entity".
- 2. Define "state agency".

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

<u>Proposed law</u> requires each state entity in the executive branch or state entity governed by <u>present</u> <u>law</u> provisions of Title 37, Professions and Occupations, that issues a permit or license to post all of the following on its website:

- (1) Detailed instructions regarding the information needed to complete the application process.
- (2) Contact information for the individual within the state entity responsible for responding to inquiries about the application process.
- (3) Information regarding the anticipated timeline for review of an application.
- (4) The report prepared for the oversight committee or subcommittee pursuant to proposed law.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that if a state entity uses a nationwide licensing or registry system, the state entity shall post a website link to the nationwide licensing or registry application and a reasonable estimate of time line for application approval.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires each state entity 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 timelines for approval of an application.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires each state entity to post the required information and report on the website of the department of which it is a part if the entity does not have a website.

<u>Proposed law</u> defines "state agency" as any department, office, division, commission, council, board, bureau, or other regulatory agency of state government.

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