

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 620

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER

LICENSING: Provides with respect to geoscientist license fees

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:711.13(A), (B), and (D) and 711.20(A), to enact R.S.
3 37:711.13(E) and (F), and to repeal R.S. 37:711.20(C), relative to geoscientist
4 license fees; to provide for applications for licensure; to provide for fees for
5 professional geoscientists; to provide for fees for geoscientists-in-training; to provide
6 for the expiration and renewal of licensure; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 37:711.13(A), (B), and (D) and 711.20(A) are hereby amended and
9 reenacted and R.S. 37:711.13(E) and (F) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §711.13. Application for licensure or certification; fees

11 A. Application for licensure as a professional geoscientist shall be on forms
12 prescribed and furnished by the board, shall show the applicant's education and a
13 detailed summary of his technical work, and shall contain such references prescribed
14 by the board. Forms provided by the board for application shall contain the
15 explanation for fees listed in Subsections E and F of this Section.

16 B. Application for certification as a geoscientist-in-training shall be on forms
17 prescribed and furnished by the board, shall show the applicant's education and a
18 detailed summary of his technical work, if any, and shall contain such references
19 prescribed by the board. Forms provided by the board for application shall contain
20 the explanation for fees listed in Subsections E and F of this Section.

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1 licensee and certificate holder of the date of the expiration of the license or
 2 certificate and the requirements for its renewal. The notice shall be mailed at least
 3 one month in advance of the expiration of such license or certificate. Renewal of
 4 licensure as a professional geoscientist or geoscientist-in-training may be effected
 5 at any time during the two months prior to expiration by the payment of a fee, ~~not to~~
 6 ~~exceed one hundred fifty dollars per year at the discretion of the board. The board~~
 7 ~~shall not increase the renewal fee by more than twenty dollars in any one-year~~
 8 ~~period.~~

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10 Section 2. R.S. 37:711.20(C) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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HB 620 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides for geoscientist license fees.

Present law provides that application for licensure as a professional geoscientist shall be on forms prescribed and furnished by the board, shall show the applicant's education and a detailed summary of his technical work, and shall contain such references prescribed by the board.

Proposed law adds that forms provided by the board for application shall contain the explanation for fees listed in proposed law.

Present law provides that application for certification as a geoscientist-in-training shall be on forms prescribed and furnished by the board, shall show the applicant's education and a detailed summary of his technical work, if any, and shall contain such references prescribed by the board.

Proposed law adds that forms provided by the board for application shall contain the explanation for fees listed in proposed law.

Present law provides that an application fee for professional geoscientists or geoscientists-in-training shall be established at the discretion of the board but shall not exceed \$200 and shall not be increased by the board by more than \$30 in any three-year period.

Proposed law deletes present law.

Present law provides that the application fee shall accompany the application. If the board denies the issuance of a license or certification to any applicant, the application fee shall be retained by the board. An unsuccessful applicant shall pay the prescribed fee for each subsequent application.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides the fees for professional geoscientists, which include application/initial licensing fee, annual license renewal, annual license renewal for licensees 60 years or older, late renewal penalty, temporary license (90 days), duplicate wall license certificate, affidavit of licensure, verification of licensure, and insufficient funds fee.

Proposed law provides the fees for geoscientists-in-training which include an application/first-year certification fee and an annual renewal fee.

Present law provides that licensure and certification shall expire at a time specified by the board and shall become invalid after that date unless renewed. It shall be the duty of the executive secretary of the board to notify by letter to his last known address each licensee and certificate holder of the date of the expiration of the license or certificate and the requirements for its renewal. The notice shall be mailed at least one month in advance of the expiration of such license or certificate.

Propose law retains present law.

Present law states that a renewal of licensure as a professional geoscientist or geoscientist-in-training may be effected at any time during the two months prior to expiration by the payment of a fee not to exceed \$150 per year at the discretion of the board. The board shall not increase the renewal fee by more than \$20 in any one-year period.

Proposed law amends present law and removes that the fee not to exceed \$150 per year at the discretion of the board. Proposed law also removes that the board shall not increase the renewal fee by more than \$20 in any one-year period.

Present law states that a maximum fee for late renewal shall be established by the board, but shall not exceed three times the normal renewal fee.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 37:711.13(A), (B), and (D) and 711.20(A); Adds R.S. 37:711.13(E) and (F); Repeals R.S. 37:711.20(C))