

Regular Session, 2013

ACT No. 195

HOUSE BILL NO. 421

BY REPRESENTATIVES PONTI AND THOMPSON

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2156(C)(3), relative to contractor license renewal fees; to
3 provide for an additional fee; to provide for an option to not participate; to provide
4 for dedication and allocation of the fee; to provide for distribution to accredited
5 public university or community college schools of construction management or
6 construction technology; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 37:2156(C)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §2156. Unexpired licenses; fees; renewals

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13 ~~(3)(a) The board shall include on each license renewal form issued to a~~
14 ~~contractor an optional election whereby the contractor may choose to donate~~
15 ~~additional funds to a specified public university or community college foundation~~
16 ~~within Louisiana that offers an accredited, degreed program in the field of~~
17 ~~construction management. Any such donated funds received by the board shall be~~
18 ~~remitted to the foundation chosen by the contractor. Any such donated funds~~
19 ~~received by the community college foundation shall be used solely for the benefit of~~
20 ~~their construction management programs. The board shall assess on each license~~
21 ~~renewal issued to a contractor an additional fee of one hundred dollars per year to be~~
22 ~~dedicated and allocated as provided in this Paragraph to any public university in this~~
23 ~~state or any community college school of construction management or construction~~
24 ~~technology in this state that is accredited by either the American Council for~~

1 Construction Education or the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.
2 The board shall include on each license renewal form issued to a contractor an
3 optional election whereby the contractor may choose to not participate in the
4 remission of the additional one hundred dollar dedication fee.

5 ~~(b) The board shall provide by rule for accounting and remittance of~~
6 ~~donations to the appropriate university or community college foundation. Each~~
7 ~~January, each accredited public university or community college school of~~
8 ~~construction management or construction technology shall report to the board the~~
9 ~~number of graduates from its school of construction management or construction~~
10 ~~technology from the previous calendar year.~~

11 ~~(c) For purposes of this Paragraph, "foundation" shall mean any private~~
12 ~~nonprofit corporation which supports public higher education institutions as defined~~
13 ~~by R.S. 17:3390. Any and all funds collected pursuant to this Paragraph shall be~~
14 ~~disbursed to the accredited public university or community college schools of~~
15 ~~construction management or construction technology by August first of each year~~
16 ~~upon completion of the annual audit of the board. The funds shall be used by the~~
17 ~~accredited public university or community college schools of construction~~
18 ~~management or construction technology solely for the benefit of their program and~~
19 ~~the expenditure of such funds shall be approved by the industry advisory council or~~
20 ~~board for the program. The funds collected pursuant to this Paragraph shall be in~~
21 ~~addition to any other monies received by such schools and are intended to~~
22 ~~supplement and not replace, displace, or supplant any other funds received from the~~
23 ~~state or from any other source. Any school of construction management or~~
24 ~~construction technology that experiences a decrease in the funding appropriated to~~
25 ~~them by the accredited public university or community college as determined by the~~
26 ~~industry advisory council or board for the program shall be ineligible for~~
27 ~~participation under the provisions of this Paragraph, and the monies from the fund for~~
28 ~~such school of construction management or construction technology shall be~~
29 ~~redistributed on a pro rata basis to all other accredited and eligible schools.~~

