

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 71

BY SENATOR MORRELL

HEALTH SERVICES. Provide relative to the Behavior Analyst Practice Act. (8/1/14)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3708 and 3715(6), relative to the Behavior Analyst Practice Act; to provide for registration of line technicians; to provide for persons and practices not affected by the practice act; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:3708 and 3715(6) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§3708. Registration of line technician; **denial or revocation of a registration**

A. **A registered line technician shall be at least eighteen years of age and possess a minimum of a high school diploma or its equivalent.**

B. A line technician shall be registered by his supervising licensed behavior analyst with the board.

~~B. At~~ C. **Within fourteen days from the date of application for registration, the line technician shall ~~submit~~ initiate a criminal background report from the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information of the office of state police within the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, ~~issued not more than fourteen days from the date of registration.~~**

1                   **D. The board has the authority to deny or revoke a registration in the**  
2                   **best interest of public safety and welfare.**

3                   ~~C. E.~~ The registration provided for in this Section shall be renewed annually  
4 by the supervising licensed behavior analyst.

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6                   §3715. Persons and practices not affected

7                   The provisions of this Chapter shall not be construed as prohibiting or  
8 restricting the practice of any of the following:

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10                   (6) A matriculated college or university student, intern, or postdoctoral fellow  
11 whose activities are part of a defined behavior analysis program of study, ~~practicum,~~  
12 ~~intensive practicum, or supervised independent fieldwork.~~ Such practice under this  
13 ~~exemption requires the direct supervision by a licensed behavior analyst in this state~~  
14 ~~or an instructor in an approved course sequence approved by the board~~ **supervised**  
15 **field or clinical experience, provided the experience is conducted under the**  
16 **extended authority of the university faculty member assigned to the course and**  
17 **supervised by a licensed behavior analyst.** A student, intern, or postdoctoral  
18 fellow shall not represent himself as a behavior analyst and shall use a title that  
19 clearly indicates his training status, such as "behavior analysis student", "behavior  
20 analysis intern", "behavior analysis trainee", or other title clearly indicating such  
21 training status.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christopher D. Adams.

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DIGEST

Morrell (SB 71)

Present law provides a line technician shall be registered by his supervising licensed behavior analyst with the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board (the board).

Present law provides at registration, the line technician shall submit a criminal background report from the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information of the office of state police within the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, issued not more than 14 days from the date of registration.

Present law provides the registration shall be renewed annually by the supervising licensed behavior analyst.

Proposed law amends present law to provide a registered line technician shall be at least 18 years of age and possess a minimum of a high school diploma or its equivalent.

Proposed law provides a line technician shall be registered by his supervising licensed behavior analyst with the board.

Proposed law provides within 14 days from the date of application for registration, the line technician shall initiate a criminal background report from the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information of the office of state police within the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

Proposed law provides the board has the authority to deny or revoke a registration in the best interest of public safety and welfare.

Proposed law provides the registration provided shall be renewed annually by the supervising licensed behavior analyst.

Present law provides a matriculated college or university student, intern, or postdoctoral fellow whose activities are part of a defined behavior analysis program of study, practicum, intensive practicum, or supervised independent fieldwork.

Proposed law amends present law to provide a matriculated college or university student, intern, or postdoctoral fellow whose activities are part of a defined behavior analysis program of study, supervised field or clinical experience, provided the experience is conducted under the extended authority of the university faculty member assigned to the course and supervised by a licensed behavior analyst.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 37:3708 and 3715(6))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Requires the qualifying experience shall be conducted under the extended authority of the faculty member.