

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 71

BY SENATOR MORRELL

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

1 AN ACT

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

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

8 §3708. Registration of line technician; **denial or revocation of a registration**

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

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

13 ~~B.~~ **At C. Within fourteen days from the date of application for**
14 registration, the line technician shall ~~submit~~ **initiate** a criminal background report
15 from the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information of the office
16 of state police within the Department of Public Safety and Corrections; ~~issued not~~
17 ~~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 ~~E.~~ 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; ~~or~~
 12 ~~practicum, intensive practicum, or supervised independent fieldwork. Such practice~~
 13 ~~under this exemption requires the direct supervision by a licensed behavior analyst~~
 14 ~~in this state or an instructor in an approved course sequence approved by the board~~
 15 **supervised field or clinical experience, provided the experience is conducted**
 16 **under the extended authority of the university faculty member assigned to the**
 17 **course and supervised by a licensed behavior analyst.** A student, intern, or
 18 postdoctoral fellow shall not represent himself as a behavior analyst and shall use a
 19 title that clearly indicates his training status, such as "behavior analysis student",
 20 "behavior analysis intern", "behavior analysis trainee", or other title clearly
 21 indicating such training status.

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The original instrument was prepared by Christopher D. Adams. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Tammy Crain-Waldrop.

DIGEST

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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 or 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.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Technical Bureau amendment.