
DIGEST

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Abstract: Makes fee changes relative to the La. Cosmetology Act.

Present law provides for the La. Board of Cosmetology, hereinafter the "board", to assess certain fees for examinations, permits, certificates of registration, renewals of such permits or certificates, and violations. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires applicants for examinations to pay all costs associated with taking examinations at off-site testing centers. Proposed law changes present law to require applicants to pay the fee assessed by a testing service administering the national theory examination at the board's testing center or at any testing site approved by the board.

Present law requires the board to assess a \$25 fee to applicants for certain examinations and re-takes of such examinations. Proposed law changes the fee from \$25 to \$35. Further requires the \$35 fee to apply to the state examination.

Proposed law clarifies "Theory examination" as the "National theory examination".

Present law provides for fees relative to initial certificates of registration and annual renewal requirements for the following certified persons: (1) Cosmetologists, (2) Estheticians, (3) Manicurists, (4) Teachers, and (5) Managers. Further provides for a respective \$25 or \$50 fee for residents or nonresidents for each set of certified persons, with the exception that all Managers pay \$25 pursuant to present law. Proposed law removes the respective resident and nonresident designations and fees and requires each of these certified persons to pay a \$35 fee for initial certificates of registration and annual renewal of such certificates.

Present law provides for fees relative to certificates of registration and annual renewal requirements for a beauty shop or salon. Further requires a respective \$30 or \$65 fee for a resident or nonresident beauty shop or salon. Proposed law changes the respective resident and nonresident fee payment requirements to \$40 and \$85.

Present law requires a \$30 home care fee. Proposed law deletes present law.

Present law requires a \$25 initial inspection fee for salon or booth rentals, and for booth rental permits, special permits, and temporary permits. Proposed law changes the fee from \$25 to \$35 for each rental or permit.

Proposed law clarifies the present law requirement for persons with expired certificates of registration or permits to pay, within 3 years from the date of certificate expiration, a fee equal to twice the fee described in present law for each year the certificate or permit is expired, not exceeding \$300.

Present law requires fees relative to student registration. Further requires a \$10 fee for a resident or nonresident upon entering the course. Proposed law removes the resident and nonresident designations and fee and requires a \$20 student registration.

Present law requires fees relative to initial certificates of registration for a school. Further requires a respective \$315 or \$615 fee for a resident or nonresident registrant. Proposed law removes the respective resident and nonresident designations and fees and requires a \$615 fee for an initial certificate of registration for a school.

Present law requires fees relative to renewal of certificates of registration for a school. Further requires a respective \$165 or \$465 fee for a resident or nonresident registrant's renewal of such certificate. Proposed law changes the respective resident and nonresident fee payment requirements to \$200 and \$500.

Present law requires a \$150 fee payment for failure to timely renew a certificate of registration for a school. Proposed law changes the fee from \$150 to \$200 for failure to timely renew such certificate.

Proposed law clarifies the present law requirement for persons with expired certificates of registration for a school to pay, within 3 years from the date of certificate expiration, a fee equal to twice the fee described in present law for each year the certificate has been expired, in addition to the fee for failure to timely renew.

Present law requires fees relative to other school fees. Further requires a respective \$100 or \$300 fee for an initial or final inspection of a school. Proposed law changes the respective initial and final inspection fees to \$150 and \$350.

Present law requires a \$50 fee for a school's change of ownership notice. Further requires a \$100 fee for a school's change of address notice. Proposed law changes the \$50 change of ownership notice fee to \$100 and retains the \$100 fee for a change of address notice.

Present law provides for miscellaneous fees. Further requires a \$15 fee for the board's official certification of records, and a \$25 fee for the issuance of a duplicate license. Proposed law changes the certification of records fee from \$15 to \$25, and the duplicate license fee from \$25 to \$35.

Present law requires a \$5 fee for a copy of a booth rental contract form. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides for inspections relative to violations resulting in the board's denial, suspension, or revocation of certificates of registration. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law authorizes inspectors to issue citations and collect fines of \$25 for each violation of present law, up to \$300 per week, from any person, school, or facility, provided that the registrant waives his rights to a hearing. Proposed law changes present law and provides that the board, by resolution, may authorize inspectors to issue citations and collect fines of \$35 per violation of provisions in present law and proposed law, up to \$350 per week, from any person, school, or facility, provided that the registrant waives his rights to a hearing.

Present law provides that each violation is a separate violation. Proposed law retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 37:586(A)(6), 599(A), and 601)