
DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes individuals enrolled in certain education programs to practice polysomnography.

Present law prohibits an individual from engaging or attempting to engage in the practice of polysomnography or performing or attempting to perform polysomnograms, unless the individual is licensed by the La. State Bd. of Medical Examiners (LSBME).

Proposed law retains present law but authorizes the practice of polysomnography if the individual is enrolled in one of the following:

- (1) A program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).
- (2) A sleep technologist program accredited by the American Board of Sleep Medicine.
- (3) A sleep technologist program approved by the Bd. of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists.

Present law defines "polysomnographic technician" or "permit technician" as an allied health professional who holds a permit issued by the LSBME to practice polysomnography under the direct supervision of the physician or a qualified allied health professional licensed by the LSBME whose scope of practice includes polysomnography.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law requires an applicant for a polysomnographic technologist license to demonstrate that the applicant has graduated from a CAAHEP accredited program and has passed an examination that is administered as a component of a certification program that is accredited by a national accrediting organization approved by the LSBME.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law provides for a polysomnographic technician permit.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Requires the LSBME to promulgate a notice of intent for all administrative rules and amendments necessary to bring their policies and procedures into conformance with the provisions of this proposed law no later than Dec. 31, 2017.

(Amends R.S. 37:2870(A)(1); Repeals R.S. 37:2862(11), 2865(A)(3), and 2866)