

2017 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 217

BY SENATOR ERDEY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CHIROPRACTORS. Increases the number of continuing education hours for chiropractors.
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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2810(A) and (C)(2)(a), relative to chiropractors; to require additional hours of continuing education, including an hour of ethics; to provide for terms, conditions, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:2810(A) and (C)(2)(a) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2810. Renewal of license; inactive status

A.(1) ~~Beginning with the calendar year 1991, each~~ **Each** license to practice chiropractic in this state shall be renewed annually on or before December thirty-first of each year, upon payment of the renewal fee prescribed in R.S. 37:2809 and the presentation to the board of a certificate or certificates attesting to satisfactory attendance of an educational program or programs totaling ~~twelve~~ **fifteen** hours of classroom instruction which have been approved for continuing education credit by the board. **At least three of the fifteen hours shall be in the subject of risk management, which shall include one hour of ethics.**

(2) ~~Beginning in 1992 and continuing with each even-numbered year~~

1 ~~thereafter, in addition to the annual requirement of twelve hours of continuing~~
 2 ~~education, each applicant for license renewal shall submit proof of attendance of an~~
 3 ~~education program or programs totaling six hours of classroom instruction in the~~
 4 ~~subject of risk management.~~

5 (3) However, for good and reasonable cause, the board may waive the
 6 educational requirements and/or renewal fee requirements.

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9 (2) Any person in an inactive status may be granted active status by
 10 submitting a written request to the board and satisfactory proof of the following:

11 (a) ~~Twelve~~ **Fifteen** hours of continuing education annually.

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The original instrument was prepared by Jerry J. Guillot. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Michelle D. Ridge.

DIGEST

SB 217 Engrossed

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Present law, relative to chiropractors, requires that the La. Board of Chiropractic Examiners adopt and promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with law providing for approval of continuing education programs provided for in R.S. 37:2810. Prohibits board from engaging in the production of such continuing education programs.

Present law provides that each license to practice chiropractic in this state shall be renewed annually on or before December 31st of each year, upon payment of the prescribed renewal fee and the presentation to the board of a certificate or certificates attesting to satisfactory attendance of an educational program or programs totaling 12 hours of classroom instruction which have been approved for continuing education credit by the board.

Present law provides that in 1992 and each even-numbered year thereafter, in addition to the annual requirement of 12 hours of continuing education, each applicant for license renewal shall submit proof of attendance of an education program or programs totaling six hours of classroom instruction in the subject of risk management.

Proposed law increases the annual continuing education requirements from 12 to 15 hours.

Proposed law requires at least three of the 15 hours shall be in the subject of risk management, which shall include one hour of ethics.

Present law provides that a person licensed by present law may be granted an inactive status by submitting a written request to the board and paying the inactive renewal license fee. Provides that such a person may retain his current license but shall continue to meet all educational requirements for license renewal and shall not be entitled to practice chiropractic.

Present law provides that any person in an inactive status may be granted active status by submitting a written request to the board and satisfactory proof of the following:

- (1) 12 hours of continuing education annually.
- (2) Payment of annual inactive renewal fees.
- (3) Payment of active license fee.
- (4) Payment of reinstatement fee.

Proposed law increases the number of hours of continuing education required from 12 to 15.

Effective August 1, 2017.

(Amends R.S. 37:2810(A) and (C)(2)(a))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to the original bill

1. Increases the number of hours of continuing education required from 12 to 15.
2. Requires that three of the 15 hours must be in the subject of risk management, which shall include one hour of ethics.
3. Restores the ability of the board to waive educational requirements and/or renewal fee requirements.