

Requires the secretary of state to develop and administer a program to provide for the registration and reporting of persons who provide notary examination preparatory education and instruction. For purposes of new law, a provider is defined as any person who provides a course or courses of instruction or study for the training and instruction of persons preparing for the Louisiana notary public examination and who charges a fee to any consumer for such service.

Requires each provider to submit an annual registration statement to the secretary of state on or before January 1st of each year beginning January 1, 2010 on a form to be provided by the secretary of state.

Requires each provider to annually post a bond guaranteed by a commercial surety licensed to do business in this state with the secretary of state in the amount of \$25,000, except an educational institution that operates under the oversight of the Board of Regents, UL Board of Supervisors, LSU Board of Supervisors, Southern University Board of Supervisors or Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges.

Requires each provider, beginning in 2010, to submit a semi-annual report to the secretary of state on or before June 30th and December 31st listing the name and address of each person who received a course or courses of instruction or study for the training and instruction for the Louisiana notary public examination on a form to be provided by the secretary of state.

Authorizes the secretary of state to impose a penalty of not more than \$1,000 per day against a provider who is noncompliant with the requirements of new law and if the penalty is not timely paid by a provider within 30 days of imposition of the penalty, the attorney general is to institute proceedings to collect such penalty.

Exempts a provider from the licensing requirements of proprietary schools pertaining to such educational programs or instruction.

Authorizes the secretary of state to establish and require an annual professional development and education program for providers and to promulgate rules and regulations, where necessary, for implementation of new law, in accordance with the APA.

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