

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 445

2018 Regular Session

Stokes

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

**HEALTH: Provides relative to the Louisiana Licensed Professional Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors Board of Examiners**

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DIGEST

Present law creates the La. Licensed Professional Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors Board of Examiners. Provides that the members of the board are appointed by the governor from a list of candidates supplied by the La. Association of Rehabilitation Professionals.

Present law provides that the board shall be comprised of five members to include three licensed professional vocational rehabilitation counselors and two individuals from the public at large. Proposed law retains the total board membership in present law but increases the licensed professional vocational rehabilitation counselors from three to four and decreases the consumer representing the public at large from two to one.

Proposed law provides for certain qualification to serve as the consumer representative on the board and provides that the consumer member may apply to serve on the board directly to the office of the governor.

Proposed law provides that the governor shall ensure that his appointments demonstrate race, gender, ethnic, and geographical diversity.

Proposed law retains present law and updates the name of the professional association which supplies the list of candidates for the board from La. Association of Rehabilitation Professionals to International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals-La.

Present law requires the board to adopt the Code of Ethics of the National Association for Rehabilitation Professionals in the Private Sector. Proposed law revises present law to require the board to adopt the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification Code of Professional Ethics.

(Amends R.S. 37:3444(A)-(C) and 3445(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Delete outdated provisions of present law concerning appointments to and seating of the original board in 1988.
2. Make technical changes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the reengrossed bill

1. Retains the total number of board members, but increases the licensed professional vocational rehabilitation counselors from three to four members and decreases the consumer representing the public at large from two to one member.

2. Adds certain qualification to serve as the consumer representative on the board.
3. Adds that the consumer member may apply to serve on the board directly to the office of the governor.
4. Adds that the governor shall ensure that his appointments demonstrate race, gender, ethnic, and geographical diversity.