RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 515 (SB 40)

2018 Regular Session

<u>New law</u> provides for the transfer of healthcare professional licensing agencies, boards, commissions, and like entities to the La. Department of Health (LDH) and deletes repealed and obsolete citations and references.

<u>Prior law</u> placed the La. Board of Veterinary Medicine within LDH. <u>New law</u> places the board within the La. Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry.

<u>Prior law</u> provided for the membership of and qualifications for healthcare professional licensing boards. <u>New law</u> retains <u>prior law</u> and <u>adds</u> at least one consumer member to each healthcare professional licensing board that did not previously have one. Provides standardized eligibility criteria for such consumer members.

<u>New law</u> requires the governor to ensure that his appointments to healthcare professional licensing boards demonstrate diversity with respect to race, gender, ethnicity, and geography.

<u>New law</u> authorizes all licensing boards and commissions created and provided for in <u>prior</u> <u>law</u> to develop a process to issue a license, permit, or certificate outside the national examination for those individuals with a disorder which is recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 36:259, 801.1(A), 802(intro para), and 803(A)(1), R.S. 37:753(B), (C)(4), and (J), 832(A)(2) and (B)(2), 915, 916(B), 962(B) and (C), 1042, 1104(A) and (B)(1), 1172(A), 1174(B), 1263(C), 1515(A)(1), 2102, 2353(A)(1), (2), and (3), 2359(B)(intro para), 2403(B)(intro para), 2455(B)(1), (4), and (5), 2654(A), 2704(A)(intro para), (5), (B), and (C), 2802, 3061(A)(1)(a) and (2)(c), 3084(A), (B)(1)(intro para) and (2), (C), (D), and (G), 3201(B)(1)(d) and (2), (C), and (D), 3389(B)(intro para) and (5), (C), (E), and (G), 3444(A), (B), and (C), 3463(A) and (B), 3554(A) and (B), and 3703(B), (C), and (D), and R.S. 40:5.11 (Section heading); adds R.S. 36:629(S) and R.S. 37:23.1, 753(C)(5), 914(B)(3), 962(D), 2403(B)(6), (G), and (H), 3061(A)(1)(d) and (D), 3084(B)(1)(e), and 3389(B)(6); repeals R.S. 37:3389(A) and (D) and R.S. 40:5.11(C) through (F))