

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 167

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREENE

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS: Provides relative to the Louisiana Board of Professional Geoscientists

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:711.14(B) and 711.15(A)(4)(b), relative to the Louisiana
3 Professional Geoscience Practice Act; to provide relative to examinations prepared,
4 administered, or graded by organizations other than the Louisiana Board of
5 Professional Geoscientists; to extend the time period for applicants to be exempt
6 from taking an examination for licensure; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 37:711.14(B) and 711.15(A)(4)(b) are hereby amended and reenacted
9 to read as follows:

10 §711.14. Examinations

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12 B. The board may adopt or recognize, in whole or in part, an examination
13 prepared, administered, or graded by another organization, on a regional or national
14 basis, that the board determines appropriate to measure the qualifications of an
15 applicant for a license under this Chapter ~~under the following circumstances:~~

16 ~~(1) The examination questions, the correct answers, and the applicant's~~
17 ~~completed examination are available to the board.~~

(2) ~~The; however, the~~ board retains the authority to determine a passing grade for a license in this state on an adopted or recognized examination prepared, administered, or graded by another organization, on a regional or national basis.

§711.15. License eligibility

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(b) An applicant who applies for licensure under this Chapter prior to January 1, 2014 2015, shall be exempt from taking the examination described in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph if the applicant satisfies all the other requirements of this Subsection.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to exams created by entities other than the Louisiana Board of Professional Geoscientists and extends the exemption period for a license applicant from taking the examination if he meets the other requirements of law.

Present law authorizes the La. Board of Professional Geoscientists to prepare and administer examinations for licensure as a geoscientist in La.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law authorizes the La. Board of Professional Geoscientists to adopt or recognize examinations prepared, administered, or graded by another organization if the examination questions, correct answers, and applicants' completed examinations are made available to

the board and the board retains the authority to determine a passing grade for such examinations.

Proposed law removes requirement examination questions, correct answers, and applicants' completed examinations be made available to the La. Board of Professional Geoscientists for examinations prepared, administered, or graded by another organization.

Present law exempts an applicant who applies for geoscientist licensure prior to Jan. 1, 2014, from taking the examination if he meets all the requirements of law.

Proposed law extends the exemption period until Jan. 1, 2015.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 37:711.14(B) and 711.15(A)(4)(b))