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## DIGEST

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HB No. 167

**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))