<u>Existing law</u> authorizes a witness qualified as an expert to testify if his specialized knowledge will assist the trier of fact to understand the evidence or determine a fact in issue.

<u>New law</u> retains <u>existing law</u> and codifies existing jurisprudence requiring an expert's opinion to have a reliable basis.

<u>New law</u> provides that no change in law or result in a ruling on evidence admissibility shall be presumed or is intended by the Legislature of La. by the passage of <u>new law</u>.

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(Amends C.E. Art. 702)