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## DIGEST 2015 Regular Session

SB 113 Engrossed

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Present law provides for membership of the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists ("board").

<u>Present law</u> provides that each board member shall have rendered service, teaching, training, or research in psychology for at least five years, shall have held a doctoral degree in psychology from a school or college for a period of five years, and shall be licensed as a psychologist in Louisiana.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides each board member shall have rendered service, teaching, training, or research in psychology for at least five years in Louisiana, shall have held a doctoral degree in psychology from a school or college for a period of five years, and shall be licensed as a psychologist in Louisiana for a minimum of five years.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that no person shall be eligible to serve as a board member if he is employed by the board, has a contract with the board for services, or within the preceding 12 months of his nomination, was employed by the board or had a contract with the board for services.

<u>Present law</u> classifies certain licensees as psychologist emeritus if certain qualifications are met and provides that a psychologist emeritus is eligible for a reduction in the annual renewal fee.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes the psychologist emeritus status classification and provides that a licensed psychologist who is 65 years of age or older may be eligible for a reduction in the annual renewal fee if he meets certain qualifications.

Present law provides that the board must maintain certain records for a period of two years.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes the two year retention period and provides that the board must maintain certain records in electronic or other format.

<u>Present law</u> provides that any nonresident duly licensed or certified for independent practice as a psychologist in the state of his residence, and which state will permit residents of this state a like and similar privilege as provided herein, may, if associated with a psychologist who is a resident of the state of Louisiana and licensed under the <u>present law</u>, practice as a psychologist for a period not to exceed 30 days in any calendar year to the same extent and manner as if licensed in this state.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that any nonresident duly licensed or certified for independent practice as a psychologist in the state of his residence, and which state will permit residents of this state a like and similar privilege as provided herein, may, if an application is submitted to the board with payment of the appropriate fee, practice as a psychologist for a maximum of 30 days throughout a calendar year to the same extent and manner as if licensed in this state

Effective August 1, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 37:2353(A)(3), (4), (5) and (6), 2354(E), 2356(G), and 2365(D); adds R.S. 37:2353(A)(7))

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

<u>Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer</u>

Protection, and International Affairs to the original bill

1. Deletes provisions relative to appointment of board members.