2015 Regular Session

ACT No. 255

SENATE BILL NO. 113

BY SENATOR GALLOT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2353(A)(3), (4), (5) and (6), 2354(E), 2356(G), and 2365(D)
3	and to enact R.S. 37:2353(A)(7), relative to the State Board of Examiners of
4	Psychologists; to provide for eligibility of board members; to provide relative to
5	qualification of certain licensees; to provide for maintenance of records; to provide
6	for certain terms, conditions, procedures, requirements, and effects; and to provide
7	for related matters.
8	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
9	Section 1. R.S. 37:2353(A)(3), (4), (5) and (6), 2354(E), 2356(G), and 2365(D) are
10	hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 37:2353(A)(7) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
11	§2353. State board of examiners; organization; duties; meetings; fees
12	A.(1) * * * *
13	(3) Each board member shall have rendered service, teaching, training, or
14	research in psychology for at least five years, shall have held a doctoral degree in
15	psychology from a school or college as defined in this Chapter for a period of five
16	years, and shall be licensed under this Chapter for a minimum of five years.
17	(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Subsection, no person shall be
18	eligible to serve as a board member if he is employed by the board, has a
19	contract with the board for services, or within the preceding twelve months of
20	his nomination was employed by the board or had a contract with the board for
21	services.
22	(5) Board members shall serve without compensation but shall receive
23	seventy-five dollars per diem allowance plus the mileage rate provided state
24	employees to cover expenses incurred while engaged in the discharge of their duties.

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1	(5)(6) Membership on the board of a public employee or official shall not
2	constitute dual office holding within the meaning of R.S. 42:61 et seq.
3	(6)(7) Each appointment by the governor shall be submitted to the Senate for
4	confirmation.
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6	§2354. Fees
7	* * *
8	E.(1) The status of psychologist emeritus is hereby created. To qualify for
9	status as psychologist emeritus, the applicant must annually make A licensed
10	psychologist who is sixty-five years of age or older may be eligible for a
11	reduction in the annual renewal fee if he makes a satisfactory showing to the
12	board, in a manner to be determined by the board, of all of the following:
13	(a) that the applicant is He is sixty-five years of age or older.
14	(b), has <u>He has</u> held continuous licensure as a psychologist in the state for
15	at least twenty years.
16	(c), and at <u>At</u> the time of application, he is retired from the full-time practice
17	of psychology or any other full-time employment.
18	(2) The annual renewal fee for those qualifying as psychologist emeritus $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$
19	licensed psychologist who is eligible for a fee reduction pursuant to this
20	<u>Subsection</u> shall be one-half of the amount of the current licensure renewal fee.
21	* * *
22	§2356. Licensure of psychologists by written and oral examination
23	* * *
24	G. The board shall keep maintain as a record, in electronic or other
25	format, all of the following items:
26	(1) the The written examination papers ,
27	(2) and an An accurate transcript of the questions and answers relating to the
28	oral examinations ,
29	(3) and the The grade assigned to each answer thereof, as part of its records
30	for at least two years subsequent to the date of examination.

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2	§2365. Scope of Chapter
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4	D. Any nonresident duly licensed or certified for independent practice as a
5	psychologist in the state of his residence, and which state will permit residents of this
6	state a like and similar privilege as provided herein in this Subsection, may, if
7	associated with a psychologist who is a resident of the state of Louisiana and
8	licensed under this Chapter an application is submitted to the board with
9	payment of the appropriate fee, practice as a psychologist for a period not to
10	exceed maximum of thirty days in any throughout a calendar year to the same
11	extent and manner as if licensed in this state.
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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____