

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST**ACT 255 (HB 532)****2016 Regular Session****Falconer**

With respect to the La. State Bd. of Architectural Examiners (board), existing law provides for certain fees. New law authorizes the board to issue certificates of authority. New law authorizes the board to charge a fee to any corporation, professional architectural corporation as defined in existing law (R.S. 12:1086), any architectural-engineering corporation as defined in existing law (R.S. 12:1171), or any partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, association, sole proprietorship, or other entity seeking to obtain a certificate of authority to practice architecture in La., unless such entity is exempted from the fee by the board. New law limits the certificate of authority fee to no more than \$300.

Existing law states, in pertinent part, that the board may not increase the fee for issuing a license by more than \$30 dollars during any three year period. New law retains existing law and applies the same restriction to fee increases relative to certificates of authority.

Existing law regulates renewals of licenses and the assessment of renewal fees. New law requires an annual renewal of certificates of authority issued pursuant to new law. New law limits the renewal fee for certificates of authority to no more than \$300. New law requires the board to issue a renewal certificate upon payment of the renewal fee.

Existing law regulates delinquency payments relative to license renewals. New law regulates delinquency payments relative to certificates of authority. New law authorizes the board to assess a delinquency fee when the annual renewal fee is paid at any time after June in the year the fee first became due. New law limits the delinquency fee to no more than \$300. New law clarifies that the payment of any delinquency fee shall be paid in addition to the annual renewal fee.

Effective upon signature of governor (May 26, 2016).

(Amends R.S. 37:149 and 150(C)-(E); Adds R.S. 37:150(F) and (G))