Tim Burns (HB 222)

**Act No. 188** 

<u>Existing law</u> requires applicants for initial certification as a certified public accountant to show at least one year of experience which shall be obtained during the four-year period preceding the application and <u>prior law</u> required the experience be supervised and verified by a licensee.

<u>New law</u> retains <u>existing law</u> except deleted the <u>prior law</u> requirement that the experience be supervised by a licensee thereby requiring only verification.

<u>Existing law</u> allows the State Board of Certified Public Accountants to enforce the provisions regulating certified public accountants and allows the board to revoke or suspend certificates to practice for various reasons. Further allows the board additional remedies for enforcement such as requiring the licensee to pay the costs of any proceedings involving the imposition of a remedy.

<u>New law</u> retains <u>existing law</u> and clarifies that the board may require the licensee to pay all costs of board proceedings, including investigation fees, stenographer fees, and attorney fees involved in the imposition of a remedy.

Effective August 1, 2013.

(Amends R.S. 37:75(G) and 79(B)(3))