HLS 16RS-710 REENGROSSED

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 252

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BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

LICENSING: Provides relative to the Provisional Licenses for Ex-Offenders Act

AN ACT

2	To enact R.S. 37:36(E)(1)(aa) and (3), relative to provisional licenses for ex-offenders; to
3	exempt the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners from
4	certain provisions relative to the issuance of provisional licenses to ex-offenders; to
5	require certain record keeping of certain licensing entities; to require certain annual
6	reports; and to provide for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 37:36(E)(1)(aa) and (3) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
9	§36. Exemptions; prohibitions; records; reports
0	* * *
1	E.(1) This Chapter shall not apply to the following licensing entities:
12	* * *
13	(aa) The Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners.
4	* * *
15	(3)(a) A licensing entity exempt from the provisions of this Chapter shall
16	keep record and compile a report of the number of provisional licenses denied by the
17	entity, including all reasons for such denial, when the denial is of an otherwise
18	qualified applicant who has been convicted of an offense or offenses, except those
9	described in Subsections A through C of this Section.
20	(b) Notwithstanding the exemption of licensing entities as provided in this
21	Section, any licensing entity issuing provisional licenses in accordance with this

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Chapter shall keep record and compile a report of the number of provisional licenses issued and denied by the entity, including all reasons for any such issuance or denial.

(c) The entity shall provide the report annually to the House Committee on Commerce no later than February first of each year.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Exempts the La. Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners from certain provisions relative to the issuance of provisional licenses to ex-offenders.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes entities issuing licenses for certain fields of work to issue provisional licenses to ex-offenders. Provides certain requirements of entities choosing to issue provisional licenses to ex-offenders.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and exempts the La. Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners from the provisions of <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires those licensing entities exempt from <u>present law</u> to keep record and compile a report of the number of provisional licenses denied by the respective entity, including all reasons for denial, when such denial is of an otherwise qualified applicant previously convicted of an offense, except certain offenses described in <u>present law</u> (R.S. 37:36(A) - (C)).

<u>Proposed law</u> requires any licensing entity issuing provisional licenses, in accordance with <u>present law</u>, to keep record and compile a report of the number of provisional licenses issued and denied by the entity, including all reasons for any such issuance or denial.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires licensing entities to provide the report annually to the House Committee on Commerce no later than February 1st.

(Adds R.S. 37:36(E)(1)(aa) and (3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

- 1. Require licensing entities exempt from provisional licensing provisions to keep record and compile a report of the number of denied provisional licenses, including reasons for license denial.
- 2. Require licensing entities that are not exempt from provisional licensing provisions to keep record and compile a report of the number of issued and denied provisional licenses, including reasons for license issuance or denial.
- 3. Require licensing entities to provide respective reports to the House Committee on Commerce by Feb. 1st of each year.

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