

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 165

BY REPRESENTATIVE ANDERS

FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS: Provides relative to fees collected by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1281(B) and 1281.2(A), relative to fees collected by the  
3 Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners; to increase the fee used for the  
4 treatment of certain healthcare providers suffering from conditions which interfere  
5 with their ability to practice their profession; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 37:1281(B) and 1281.2(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read  
8 as follows:

9 §1281. Fees and costs

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11 B.(1) In addition to all other applicable fees and costs attendant to the  
12 issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of any license, certificate, permit, or registration  
13 issued to a physician by the board pursuant to this Part, the board shall charge and  
14 collect an additional annual fee of ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars from each physician to  
15 be utilized for the identification, monitoring, assistance, and procurement of  
16 treatment of physicians suffering from substance abuse, chemical dependency,  
17 psychiatric conditions, or physical deficiencies which may interfere with their ability  
18 to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety as defined in R.S.  
19 37:1285(A)(25).

1           (2) The ~~twenty-five dollar~~ fee established in this Subsection shall be due and  
 2 payable at the time of application for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of any  
 3 license, permit, certificate, or registration.

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5           §1281.2. Allied practitioner health program; assessment, and self-reporting waiver;  
 6 protected action and communication

7           A. In addition to all other assessments attendant to the issuance, renewal, or  
 8 reinstatement of a license, permit, certificate, or registration issued by the board  
 9 pursuant to this Part, the board shall charge and collect an annual assessment of  
 10 ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars from each medical psychologist, physician assistant, and  
 11 podiatrist to be utilized for the identification, monitoring, assistance, and  
 12 procurement of treatment of medical psychologists, physician assistants, and  
 13 podiatrists suffering from substance abuse, chemical dependency, psychiatric  
 14 conditions, or physical deficiencies which may interfere with their ability to practice  
 15 their profession with reasonable skill and safety. The assessment established in this  
 16 Section shall be due at the time of application for the issuance, renewal, or  
 17 reinstatement of a license, permit, certificate, or registration.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Increases the fee collected by the La. State Board of Medical Examiners for the treatment of healthcare providers regulated by the board who are suffering from conditions which interfere with their ability to practice their profession.

Present law authorizes the La. State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME) to regulate the practice of physicians, psychologists, physician assistants, and podiatrists.

Present law authorizes the LSBME to collect certain fees at the time of application for licensure, permit, certificate, or registration including an annual assessment of \$25 to be used in the identification, monitoring, assistance, and procurement of treatment of those licensees suffering from substance abuse, chemical dependency, psychiatric conditions, or physical deficiencies which may interfere with their ability to practice their profession with reasonable skill and safety.

Proposed law increases this fee from \$25 to \$50.

(Amends R.S. 37:1281(B) and 1281.2(A))