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HOUSE BILL NO. 711

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

HEALTH CARE/PROVIDERS: Provides relative to clinical laboratory personnel

## 1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1323(A), (B), and (C), relative to qualifications for clinical  
3 laboratory scientist generalists, specialists, and technicians; and to provide for related  
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:1323(A), (B), and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read  
7 as follows:

8 §1323. Qualifications ~~of clinical laboratory scientist-generalist; clinical laboratory~~  
9 ~~scientist-specialist; clinical laboratory scientist-technician; cytotechnologist;~~  
10 ~~laboratory assistant; and phlebotomist~~ for licensure

11 A. ~~Each applicant for licensure as a clinical laboratory scientist-generalist~~  
12 ~~shall meet one of the following requirements:~~

13 To be eligible for licensure as a clinical laboratory scientist-generalist, an  
14 applicant, in addition to satisfying the procedural requirements for licensure in  
15 accordance with this Part, shall do all of the following:

16 (1) ~~Possess a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university;~~  
17 ~~fulfill the educational requirements necessary to enroll in a school of medical~~  
18 ~~technology, complete one year of full-time clinical laboratory experience, or its~~  
19 ~~equivalent, in an approved school of medical technology, and successfully complete~~  
20 ~~a nationally recognized certification examination, as approved by the board upon~~

~~recommendation by the committee. The required year of full-time clinical laboratory experience may be included in the curriculum for the baccalaureate degree or may be post-graduate.~~ an associate's degree or the equivalent from an accredited college or university that, at a minimum, includes either:

(a) Twenty-four semester hours of medical laboratory technology courses.

(b) Twenty-four semester hours that include:

(i) Six semester hours of chemistry.

(ii) Six semester hours of biology.

(iii) Twelve semester hours of chemistry, biology, or medical laboratory technology in any combination.

~~(2) Complete the educational, clinical, and employment experience requirements, if any, necessary to be eligible for and successfully complete a nationally recognized certification examination, all of which are approved by the board upon recommendation by the committee.~~ Successfully complete a nationally recognized certification examination for such clinical laboratory personnel classification as developed and administered by one of the following organizations or its successor organization:

(a) American Association of Bioanalysts.

(b) American Medical Technologists.

(c) American Society for Clinical Pathology.

(d) Another body recognized and approved by the board.

~~(3) Meet the requirements for licensure without examination as provided in R.S. 37:1319.3.~~ Have at least three months of training or experience.

(4) Have internship experience from an accredited two- or four-year medical laboratory technology program that may count toward the training or experience requirement.

~~B. Each applicant for licensure as a clinical laboratory scientist-specialist shall possess a doctoral, master, or baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university with a major in one of the chemical, physical, or biological sciences and~~

1       ~~shall complete the educational, clinical, and employment experience requirements,~~  
2       ~~if any, necessary to be eligible for and successfully complete a nationally recognized~~  
3       ~~certification examination in a laboratory specialty, all of which are approved by the~~  
4       ~~board upon recommendation by the committee.~~

5               To be eligible for licensure as a clinical laboratory scientist-specialist, an  
6       applicant, in addition to satisfying the procedural requirements for licensure in  
7       accordance with this Part, shall do all of the following:

8               (1) Possess an associate's degree or the equivalent from an accredited college  
9       or university that, at a minimum, includes either:

10              (a) Twenty-four semester hours of medical laboratory technology courses.

11              (b) Twenty-four semester hours that include all of the following:

12              (i) Six semester hours of chemistry.

13              (ii) Six semester hours of biology.

14              (iii) Twelve semester hours of chemistry, biology, or medical laboratory  
15       technology in any combination.

16              (2) Successfully complete a nationally recognized certification examination  
17       for such clinical laboratory personnel classification as developed and administered  
18       by one of the following organizations or its successor organization:

19              (a) American Association of Bioanalysts.

20              (b) American Association for Clinical Chemistry.

21              (c) American Board of Bioanalysis.

22              (d) American Board of Forensic Toxicology.

23              (e) American Board of Medical Laboratory Immunology.

24              (f) American Medical Technologists.

25              (g) American Society for Clinical Pathology.

26              (h) American Society for Microbiology.

27              (i) Another body recognized and approved by the board.

28              (3) Have at least three months of training or experience in each of the  
29       disciplines for which an individual is licensed.

(4) Have internship experience in an accredited two- or four-year medical laboratory technology program that may count toward the training or experience requirement.

C. ~~Each applicant for licensure as a clinical laboratory scientist-technician shall meet one of the following requirements:~~

To be eligible for licensure as a clinical laboratory scientist-technician, an applicant, in addition to satisfying the procedural requirements for licensure under this Part, shall successfully complete an approved nationally recognized certification examination for such clinical laboratory personnel classification, as developed and administered by one of the following organizations or its successor organization:

(1) ~~Successfully fulfill the requirements of an accredited educational program for an associate degree in clinical laboratory science and successfully complete a nationally recognized certification examination approved by the board upon recommendation by the committee.~~ American Association of Bioanalysts.

(2) ~~Complete the educational, clinical, and employment experience requirements, if any, necessary to be eligible for and successfully complete a nationally recognized certification examination, all of which are approved by the board upon recommendation by the committee.~~ American Medical Technologists.

(3) American Society for Clinical Pathology.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides qualification requirements for licensure for clinical laboratory scientist-generalists, clinical laboratory scientist-specialists, and clinical laboratory scientist-scientists.

Present law provides requirements and qualifications for licensure for clinical laboratory scientist-generalists, clinical laboratory scientist-specialists, and clinical laboratory scientist-scientists. Proposed law revises these requirements and qualifications.

(Amends R.S. 37:1323(A), (B), and (C))