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HOUSE BILL NO. 421

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2156(C)(3), relative to contractor license renewal fees; to provide for an additional fee; to provide for an option to not participate; to provide for dedication and allocation of the fee; to provide for distribution to accredited public university or community college schools of construction management or construction technology; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:2156(C)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2156. Unexpired licenses; fees; renewals

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~~(3)(a) The board shall include on each license renewal form issued to a contractor an optional election whereby the contractor may choose to donate additional funds to a specified public university or community college foundation within Louisiana that offers an accredited, degreed program in the field of construction management. Any such donated funds received by the board shall be remitted to the foundation chosen by the contractor. Any such donated funds received by the community college foundation shall be used solely for the benefit of their construction management programs. The board shall assess on each license renewal issued to a contractor an additional fee of one hundred dollars per year to be dedicated and allocated as provided in this Paragraph to any public university in this state or any community college school of construction management or construction technology in this state that is accredited by either the American Council for~~

1 Construction Education or the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.
2 The board shall include on each license renewal form issued to a contractor an
3 optional election whereby the contractor may choose to not participate in the
4 remission of the additional one hundred dollar dedication fee.

5 ~~(b) The board shall provide by rule for accounting and remittance of~~
6 ~~donations to the appropriate university or community college foundation. Each~~
7 ~~January, each accredited public university or community college school of~~
8 ~~construction management or construction technology shall report to the board the~~
9 ~~number of graduates from its school of construction management or construction~~
10 ~~technology from the previous calendar year.~~

11 ~~(c) For purposes of this Paragraph, "foundation" shall mean any private~~
12 ~~nonprofit corporation which supports public higher education institutions as defined~~
13 ~~by R.S. 17:3390. Any and all funds collected pursuant to this Paragraph shall be~~
14 ~~disbursed to the accredited public university or community college schools of~~
15 ~~construction management or construction technology by August first of each year~~
16 ~~upon completion of the annual audit of the board. The funds shall be used by the~~
17 ~~accredited public university or community college schools of construction~~
18 ~~management or construction technology solely for the benefit of their program and~~
19 ~~the expenditure of such funds shall be approved by the industry advisory council or~~
20 ~~board for the program. The funds collected pursuant to this Paragraph shall be in~~
21 ~~addition to any other monies received by such schools and are intended to~~
22 ~~supplement and not replace, displace, or supplant any other funds received from the~~
23 ~~state or from any other source. Any school of construction management or~~
24 ~~construction technology that experiences a decrease in the funding appropriated to~~
25 ~~them by the accredited public university or community college as determined by the~~
26 ~~industry advisory council or board for the program shall be ineligible for~~
27 ~~participation under the provisions of this Paragraph, and the monies from the fund for~~
28 ~~such school of construction management or construction technology shall be~~
29 ~~redistributed on a pro rata basis to all other accredited and eligible schools.~~

