

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO.477

BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS: Authorizes the La. State Board of Examiners of Psychologists to implement fees for certain services

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 37:2354(B)(4), (C)(4), (F), and (G), relative to the Louisiana State Board of  
3 Examiners of Psychologists; to provide for assistants to a psychologist; to provide  
4 for licensure and license renewal fees; to establish fees for continuing professional  
5 development activities; to provide for special services; to provide for rulemaking by  
6 the board; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 37:2354(B)(4), (C)(4), (F), and (G) are hereby enacted to read as  
9 follows:

10 §2354. Fees

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12 B.

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14 (4) The board shall charge an application fee for the initial registration of  
15 each assistant to a psychologist that shall not exceed fifty dollars. The board shall  
16 adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to implement the  
17 provisions of this Paragraph.

18 C.

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1           (4) The board shall charge an annual renewal fee for every assistant to a  
2           psychologist in this state during the month of July of each year, beginning in the year  
3           immediately subsequent to his initial registration. Such renewal fee shall not exceed  
4           fifty dollars. The board shall adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative  
5           Procedure Act to implement the provisions of this Paragraph.

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7           F.(1) The board shall assess an application and renewal fee to an individual  
8           who sponsors a continuing professional development course or activity and seeks  
9           review and pre-approval of a continuing professional development course or activity.  
10          The application and renewal fee shall be in an amount not to exceed two hundred  
11          fifty dollars.

12          (2) The board shall assess an application fee to a licensee who seeks review  
13          and pre-approval of a continuing professional development course or activity. The  
14          application fee shall be an amount not to exceed twenty-five dollars. The application  
15          fee shall apply only if a licensee intends to earn a credit for the course or activity in  
16          which the sponsor has not sought review or obtained approval by the board.

17          (3) The board may collect reasonable admission fees from a licensee who  
18          elects to attend a continuing professional development course or activity which may  
19          be offered, sponsored, or co-sponsored by the board. Such course or activity shall  
20          be an elective to a licensee who attends and the board shall not require attendance  
21          for such activity.

22          (4) The board shall adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative  
23          Procedure Act to implement the provisions of this Subsection.

24          G.(1) The board may assess an administrative fee in an amount not to exceed  
25          two hundred dollars for special services including but not be limited to any of the  
26          following:

27                  (a) Application for authority to conduct telesupervision.

28                  (b) Application for an inactive license or renewal license status.

29                  (c) Application for emeritus status and renewal.

- 1                    (d) Any written or computer-generated license verification.
- 2                    (e) Any written or computer-generated disciplinary report.
- 3                    (f) To obtain a duplicate license.
- 4                    (g) To obtain a duplicate renewal certificate.
- 5                    (h) To obtain a mail list.
- 6                    (2) The board shall adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative
- 7                    Procedure Act to implement the provisions of this Subsection.

DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the La. State Board of Examiners of Psychologists to assess certain fees to licensees.

Present law provides that the board shall charge an application fee to all applicants who seek licensure pursuant to present law.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that the board shall charge an application fee for each assistant to a psychologist that shall not exceed \$50. Such fee shall be charged in the month of July of each year, beginning in the year immediately subsequent to his initial registration. The board shall adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to implement the provisions of proposed law.

Present law provides that a person licensed by the board shall annually pay a fee during the month of July of each year which shall not exceed an amount set by the board.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that the board shall set a renewal fee not to exceed \$50 for every assistant to a psychologist which shall be paid in accordance with present law. Further provides that the board shall adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to implement the provisions of proposed law.

Proposed law provides that the board shall assess an application and renewal fee to an individual who sponsors a continuing professional development course or activity and who wishes for the board to review and pre-approve the course or activity. Further provides the application and renewal fee shall not exceed \$250.

Proposed law provides that the board shall assess an application fee to a licensee who seeks renewal and pre-approval of a continuing professional development course or activity and shall not exceed \$25. The application fee shall only apply if a licensee intends to earn a credit for a course or activity in which the sponsor has not sought review or obtained approval by the board.

Proposed law stipulates that the board may collect reasonable admission fees from a licensee who attends a continuing professional development course or activity. Such fee may be collected for any course or activity that is offered, sponsored, or co-sponsored by the board. Proposed law further provides that the board shall not require attendance for a course or

activity which may be offered, sponsored, or co-sponsored. Such activity shall be an elective for a licensee who chooses to attends.

Proposed law provides that the board shall adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to implement the provisions of proposed law.

Proposed law provides that the board may assess fees not to exceed \$200 for the following special services identified by the board:

- (1) Application for authority to conduct telesupervision.
- (2) Application for an inactive license or renewal license status.
- (3) Application for emeritus status and renewal.
- (4) Any written or computer-generated license verification.
- (5) Any written or computer-generated disciplinary report.
- (6) To obtain a duplicate license.
- (7) To obtain a duplicate renewal certificate.
- (8) To obtain a mail list.

Proposed law provides that the board shall adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to implement the provisions of proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 37:2354(B)(4), (C)(4), (F), and (G))