

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 183

BY SENATOR FRED MILLS

FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS. Provides relative to transparency in the application process for any state-issued license or permit. (8/1/22)

1 AN ACT
2 To enact R.S. 37:23.2 and R.S. 49:1308, relative to certain boards, commissions, and
3 agencies; to require boards, commissions, and agencies to publish on the internet
4 certain information concerning permits and licenses; to provide for the information
5 that must be published; to require reports; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 49:1308 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§1308. Internet publication of certain information concerning permits and**
9 **licenses; information required to be published; manner of**
10 **publication**

11 **A.(1) Each board, commission, or agency subject to the provisions of this**
12 **Chapter that issues a permit or license shall prominently include on its internet**
13 **website the information required by Subsection B of this Section.**

14 **(2) If a board, commission, or agency does not have an internet website,**
15 **the department of which the board, commission, or agency is a part shall**
16 **include the information required by Subsection B of this Section for the board,**
17 **commission, or agency on the website of the department.**

1 **B. All of the following information shall be included on the website:**

2 **(1) A brief description of each permit or license that the board,**
3 **commission, or agency issues. For each such permit or license, links to the**
4 **following shall be included:**

5 **(a) The full text of the current application.**

6 **(b) A checklist of all information required to be submitted to complete**
7 **the application process.**

8 **(c) The name and contact information of the person within the board,**
9 **commission, or agency responsible for responding to inquiries about the status**
10 **of an application.**

11 **(d) The anticipated timeline for review of a completed application.**

12 **(2) A copy of the annual report submitted to the legislative oversight**
13 **committees or subcommittees by the board, commission, or agency pursuant to**
14 **Subsection C of this Section.**

15 **C. Each board, commission, or agency shall annually submit to its**
16 **legislative oversight committee or subcommittee a report containing the number**
17 **of permit or license applications received, the number of permits or licenses**
18 **issued, and timelines for approval of an application.**

19 Section 2. R.S. 37:23.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

20 **§23.2. Internet publication of certain information concerning permits and**
21 **licenses; information required to be published; manner of**
22 **publication**

23 **A.(1) Each board, commission, or agency subject to the provisions of this**
24 **Title that issues a permit or license shall prominently include on its internet**
25 **website the information required by Subsection B of this Section.**

26 **(2) If a board, commission, or agency does not have an internet website,**
27 **the department of which the board, commission, or agency is a part shall**
28 **include the information required by Subsection B of this Section for the board,**
29 **commission, or agency on the website of the department.**

B. All of the following information shall be included on the website:

(1) A brief description of each permit or license that the board, commission, or agency issues. For each such permit or license, links to the following shall be included:

(a) The full text of the current application.

(b) A checklist of all information required to be submitted to complete the application process.

(c) The name and contact information of the person within the board, commission, or agency responsible for responding to inquiries about the status of an application.

(d) The anticipated timeline for review of a completed application.

(2) A copy of the annual report submitted to the legislative oversight committees or subcommittees by the board, commission, or agency pursuant to Subsection C of this Section.

C. Each board, commission, or agency shall annually submit to its legislative oversight committee or subcommittee a report containing the number of permit or license applications received, the number of permits or licenses issued, and time lines for approval of an application.

The original instrument was prepared by Matt DeVille. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

DIGEST

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Proposed law requires each board, commission, or agency in the executive branch or governed by present law provisions of Title 37, Professions and Occupations, that issues a permit or license to post on its website:

- (1) Detailed instructions regarding the information needed to complete the application process.
- (2) Contact information for the individual within the board, commission, or agency responsible for responding to inquiries about the application process.
- (3) Information regarding the anticipated timeline for review of an application.
- (4) The report prepared for the oversight committee or subcommittee pursuant to proposed law.

Proposed law requires each board, commission, or agency to annually submit to its respective legislative oversight committee or subcommittee a report containing the number of permits and licenses applied for, number of permits or licenses issued, and the timelines for approval of an application.

Proposed law requires each board, commission, or agency to post the required information and report on the website of the department of which it is a part if it does not have a website.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 37:23.2 and R.S. 49:1308)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to the original bill

1. Make technical changes.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes technical corrections.