

Regular Session, 1999

HOUSE BILL NO. 615

BY REPRESENTATIVES LONG, MCDONALD, BARTON, BAUDOIN,
CRANE, CURTIS, DOERGE, FARVE, KENNEY, POWELL, PRATT,
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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:1808(J)(2) and (3), relative to exemptions for certain postsecondary, academic degree-granting institutions from Board of Regents' registration and licensure requirements; to clarify certain exemptions; to remove the provisions exempting from such requirements institutions granted tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code; to provide relative to compliance with registration requirements by such institutions; to provide relative to completion of the licensure process; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:1808(J)(2) and (3) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1808. Registration and licensure of postsecondary, academic degree-granting institutions

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(2) Any institution whose primary purpose is to provide religious training or theological education, including sacred music, and whose degree is limited to evidence of completion of that education shall be exempt from the provisions of Subsections C through I of this

Section; however, any such institution which also offers academic degrees that are not awarded for the completion of religious training or theological education, including sacred music, shall, to the extent of such nonreligious, nontheological degrees, be subject to the provisions of Subsections C through I of this Section. Nothing in this Paragraph shall be construed to prevent an institution which falls within the provisions of said Paragraph from providing instruction or courses which could be considered secular.

(3) ~~The provisions of this Section shall not be applicable to any~~ Any institution granted a tax exemption under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, other than those institutions provided for in Paragraph J(2) of this Section, to which the provisions of this Section were not applicable prior to August 15, 1999, shall comply with the provisions of Subsection B of this Section by not later than January 15, 2000. Subsequent to such compliance, the Board of Regents shall establish a time frame within which the licensure process shall be completed.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____