AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1155.2(5), to enact R.S. 40:1155.2.1, and to repeal R.S. 40:1155.2(8), relative to the Louisiana Physician Order for Scope of Treatment; to provide for definitions; to provide for the form; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:1155.2(5) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:1155.2.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1155.2. Definitions

As used in this Subpart, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them unless the context clearly states otherwise:

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(5) "LaPOST" means Louisiana Physician Order for Scope of Treatment as provided in R.S. 40:1155.2.1.

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§1155.2.1. LaPOST Form

LOUISIANA PHYSICIAN ORDERS FOR SCOPE OF TREATMENT (LaPOST)

FIRST follow these orders, THEN contact physician. This is a Physician Order form based on the patient’s medical condition and preferences. Any action not completed implies full treatment for that section. LaPOST conforms to Advance Directives and is not intended to replace that document. Everyone shall be treated with dignity and respect. Please visit www.LaPOST.org for information regarding “what my cultural/religious heritage tells me about end of life care.”

PATIENT’S DIAGNOSIS OF LIFE LIMITING DISEASE AND (IRRERVERSIBLE CONDITION)

GOALS OF CARE:

A. CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) (PERSON IS UNRESPONSIVE, PULSLESS AND IS NOT BREATHING)

B. MEDICAL INTERVENTIONS: (PERSON HAS PULSLESS OR BREATHING)

C. ARTIFICIALLY ADMINISTERED FLUIDS AND NUTRITION: (always other food/fluid by mouth as tolerated)

D. SUMMARY

This form is voluntary and the signature below indicate that the physician orders are consistent with the patient’s medical condition and treatment plan and that the patient, family or next of kin is the legal representative of the patient and is able to sign on behalf of the patient.

SEND FORM WITH PERSON WHENEVER TRANSFERRED OR DISCHARGED

USE OF ORIGINAL FORM IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED. COPIES AND FAXED COPIES ARE LEGAL AND VALID.
Section 2. R.S. 40:1155.2(8) is hereby repealed.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: __________________________

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