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## DIGEST

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HB No. 440

**Abstract:** Requires the La. State Board of Dentistry to adopt rules by Jan. 1, 2011, or be subject to penalty.

Present law requires the La. State Board of Dentistry to adopt rules relative to providing dental services at mobile dental clinics and locations other than the dental office. Specifies that the rules must include but not be limited to the following:

- (1) Guidelines and criteria for the permitting of dentists who wish to provide dental services at mobile dental clinics and locations other than their office.
- (2) Guidelines and criteria for recordkeeping regarding the services provided.
- (3) Guidelines and criteria for the practice standards and the types of dental services which may be provided at mobile dental clinics and locations other than the dental office.
- (4) Guidelines and criteria requiring a signed consent form from the parent or guardian prior to providing dental services to a minor.
- (5) Guidelines and criteria providing for parental consultation and involvement regarding the provision of dental services to a minor.
- (6) Guidelines and criteria regarding the equipment and standards which shall be maintained in order to provide dental services at mobile dental clinics and locations offering dental services other than the dental office.
- (7) Provisions for the inspection of mobile dental clinics and locations offering dental services other than the dental office by the La. State Board of Dentistry.
- (8) Guidelines and criteria for the disposal of infectious waste associated with providing dental services at mobile dental clinics and locations other than the dental office.

Specifies that all the rules shall be adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. Further, provides that present law shall not be construed to prohibit the La. State Board of Dentistry from adopting emergency rules as otherwise provided for in the Administrative Procedure Act.

Proposed law requires the adoption of the rules established in present law by Jan. 1, 2011. Proposed law also provides that the failure to adopt the rules by Jan. 1, 2011, are grounds for the immediate removal of the members of the La. State Board of Dentistry.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of the time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 37:796(E) and (F))