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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 423** HLS 25RS 985

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ SEN COMM AMD**

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Provides relative to healthcare providers displaying evidence		

HEALTH CARE/PROVIDERS

EG1 NO IMPACT See Note

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Provides relative to healthcare providers displaying evidence of proper licensure in advertising

Present law, licensed healthcare providers are permitted, but not required, to display their professional credentials on their person. Proposed law makes this display mandatory for licensed healthcare professionals, requiring visible evidence of licensure both on their person and in any advertisements, including print, electronic, or social media. It allows a name tag with professional initials to satisfy the on-person requirement and provides exceptions where credentials are clearly visible, such as in sterile environments or private offices. Present law prohibits a provider from using the title "Doctor" or "Dr." while providing direct patient care unless they also indicate their professional license or degree. Proposed law clarifies that this requirement may be met by referencing either the license, the degree, or both. It also expands enforcement authority to include professional licensing boards, in addition to penalties under the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law. Additionally, proposed law prohibits insurers from substituting opioid prescriptions with alternatives lacking abuse-deterrent properties when deemed medically necessary by a licensed physician.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law will not increase expenditures for the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH). According to the Health Standards Section (HSS) within LDH, the agency already receives complaints related to healthcare professionals using the title "Doctor" without appropriate credentials and expects an increase in complaints if the proposed law is enacted. HSS indicates that it may need to conduct additional complaint investigation surveys; however, the department believes any increased workload can be absorbed within existing staff and resources.

There is no anticipated direct material effect on expenditures for the professional licensing boards, including, but not limited to, the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, and the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure. The bill does not impose new licensure fees, fines, or penalties.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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