
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for an exception to informed consent testing for human immunodeficiency virus and other infectious diseases in certain healthcare settings.

Present law provides for an exception to informed consent in testing for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and other infectious agents when it is determined by the infectious disease control officer, law enforcement, fire service, or emergency medical service agency that an employee has been exposed to blood or bodily fluids of a patient while rendering medical service.

Proposed law provides that the hospital infection control committee shall conduct with or without patient consent a rapid HIV and any other infectious disease testing on a patient who exposes an employee to blood or bodily fluids while rendering medical service.

Present law authorizes the hospital to inform the exposed individual of the test results.

Proposed law changes present law to require the hospital to inform the exposed individual of the test results.

Present law provides that present law is to not be construed as a requirement that a hospital perform such test.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 40:1157.3(B) and (C); Repeals R.S. 40:1157.3(F))