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## DIGEST

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HB 259 Draft

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**Abstract:** Creates the Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Treatment and Recovery Program and the Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Treatment and Recovery Revolving Fund, for the purpose of providing treatment to veterans with traumatic brain injuries.

Proposed law creates the Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Treatment and Recovery Program to provide hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatment to veterans diagnosed with traumatic brain injuries.

In this regard, proposed law does all of the following:

- (1) Provides eligibility criteria for veterans participating in the program.
- (2) Requires the treatment to be provided at a facility licensed by the La. Dept. of Health and the treatment plan to be approved by the La. Dept. of Veterans Affairs.
- (3) Provides the La. Dept. of Veterans Affairs statewide jurisdiction over all medical treatments provided and costs allowed to providers who request treatment, and provides additional duties of the department in this regard.
- (4) Creates the Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Treatment and Recovery Revolving Fund for purposes of providing the hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatment to veterans diagnosed with traumatic brain injuries. Further provides relative to the administration of the fund.

(Adds R.S. 29:284)