The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Thomas L. Tyler.

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<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits certain employment and other contracts restricting the practice of medicine by a licensed primary care physician unless the primary care physician's contract employment or relationship is terminated for just cause.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that no contract or agreement can restrict a primary care physician from practicing medicine within a restricted geographic region more than one year from the date of termination.

<u>Proposed law</u> defines the following terms:

- (1) "Primary care physician" means a licensed medical physician practicing family medicine, general internal medicine, general psychiatry, general pediatrics, obstetrics, or gynecology.
- (2) "Restricted geographic region" means the parish in which the primary care physician's office is physically located and includes one contiguous parish which borders on the parish in which the primary care physician's office is located.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that contracts or agreements in violation of <u>proposed law</u> are against public policy and are null, void, and unenforceable.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 37:1303)