
DIGEST

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Abstract: Grants advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) and physician assistants (PA) the authority to certify illness and disability of teachers, teaching staff, and bus drivers, and grants APRNs the authority to execute documents pertaining to patients' wishes with respect to end of life care.

Present law requires the authorization of a physician in the following:

- (1) Certifying an illness or disability of school bus operators and teaching staff for the purpose of sick leave, extended sick leave, and disputes arising out of the use of sick leave and extended sick leave.
- (2) Certifying an illness or disability of teachers for the purpose of extended sick leave, disputes arising out of the use of sick leave and extended, sick leave, and sick leave as a result of disability that resulted from an assault or battery by a student.
- (3) Confirming, identifying, and revoking do-not-resuscitate (DNR) declarations and matters related to DNR declarations.
- (4) Documenting the wishes of a qualified patient with respect to the scope of treatment in the event of life-limiting and irreversible conditions via use of the La. Physician Order for Scope of Treatment (LaPOST) form.

Proposed law extends the authority of a "physician" as described in present law to PAs and APRNs under the new term "provider" with respect to school employee sick leave.

Proposed law extends the authority of "physician" as described in present law to APRNs under the term "provider" with respect to DNR forms and LaPOST.

Present law confers immunity from liability to physicians for certain actions with respect to DNR declarations and LaPOST.

Proposed law extends present law immunity to "providers" as defined in proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 17:500(B)(1), 500.1(A), (B), and (C)(2), 500.2(A)(2)(intro. para.) and (c), (D)(1)(b), and E(1)(a), (2)(a)-(c), and (e), 1201(A)(2) and (C)(1)(a), (b)(i)-(iii), and (v), 1202(A)(1)(b) and

(2)(intro. para.) and (d), (D)(1)(b), and (E)(1)(a) and (c), (2)(a)-(c), and (3), 1206(A)(1), 1206.1(A)(1), (B), (C), and (D)(2), 1206.2(D)(1)(b), (E)(1)(a) and (c), (2)(a)-(c), and (3), R.S. 40:1151.1(intro. para.), (1), (6), (10), and (11), 1151.2(B), (C)(1), and (D)(2), 1151.3(A)(2)(b) and (3)(b) and (c) and (B), 1151.6(A)-(D), 1151.7(A) and (B), the heading of Subpart C of Part I of Subchapter A of Chapter 5-D of Title 40 of the La. Revised Statutes of 1950, 1155.1(A)(3) and (4)(a) and (B)(1) and (2), 1155.2(intro. para.), (1)-(3), and (8) and (9), 1155.3(A), (B)(5), and (D), 1155.4(A)-(C), and 1155.5(A)(1) and (2); Adds R.S. 17:1200(D) and R.S. 40:1155.3(B)(6)