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SENATE BILL NO. 143

BY SENATOR BARROW

HEALTH CARE. Provides for hypertension screening. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To enact Part XII-A of Chapter 5-B of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:1124.1, relative to prenatal and postpartum health screenings; to require certain healthcare providers to provide screenings for certain patients; to provide for the discretion of the provider; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Part XII-A of Chapter 5-B of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 40:1124.1, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**PART XII-A. PERINATAL PHYSICAL HEALTH POLICY**

**§1124.1. Screening for prenatal and postpartum health disorders**

**Healthcare providers who provide prenatal and postpartum care to women shall screen for the signs and symptoms of hypertension and preeclampsia through a validated screening tool in accordance with the recommendations from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists if in the exercise of their professional, medical judgment the healthcare providers believe that such screening would be in the best interest**

