

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Original Senate Bill No. 165 by Senator McMath

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, delete line 2, and insert "To enact R.S. 23:921(M), relative to"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 5, after "agreements;" insert "to provide for contracts and agreements  
5 restraining certain physicians;"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 1, delete lines 7 and 8, and insert the following:

8 "Section 1. R.S. 23:921(M) is hereby enacted to read as follows:"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 4

10 On page 1, delete lines 11 through 17, delete page 2 in its entirety, and on page 3, delete  
11 lines 1 through 10 and insert the following:

12 " \* \* \*

13 **(M)(1) Any contract or agreement which restrains a physician from practicing**  
14 **medicine shall terminate after three years from the effective date of the contract or**  
15 **agreement. Any contract or agreement renewed after the initial three year term shall**  
16 **not include noncompete provisions.**

17 **(2) If the contract or agreement is terminated prior to the initial three year**  
18 **term, the physician shall be prohibited from carrying on or engaging in a business**  
19 **similar to that of the employer in three contiguous parishes specified in the contract or**  
20 **agreement, one of which shall be the parish in which the physician's primary practice**  
21 **is located, for a period not to exceed two years from termination of employment.**

22 **(3) The provisions of this Subsection shall apply to any physician who**  
23 **predominately practices family medicine, general internal medicine, general pediatrics,**  
24 **general obstetrics, or gynecology. For any other physician, the provisions of Subsection**  
25 **C of this Section shall apply.**

26 **(4) The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to any physician employed**  
27 **by or under contract with a rural hospital as provided for in the Rural Hospital**  
28 **Preservation Act, R.S. 40:1189.1 et seq.**

29 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall apply to any contract entered into on or  
30 after January 1, 2025."