

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 143

BY SENATOR BARROW

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

1 AN ACT

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

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

11 **§1124.1. Screening for prenatal and postpartum health disorders**

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

1           **of the patient.**

2           Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
3 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
4 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
5 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
6 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Amanda Trapp.

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DIGEST

SB 143 Engrossed

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Proposed law requires healthcare providers who provide prenatal and postpartum care to women to screen for signs and symptoms of hypertension and preeclampsia if, in the provider's professional, medical judgment, the screening is in the best interest of the patient.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds 40:1124.1)