

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 112

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONSTON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

DRUGS/PRESCRIPTION: Provides relative to the prescribing, administering, and dispensing of drugs for off-label use

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 37:1704, relative to prescribing, administering, and dispensing prescription  
3 drugs; to provide for prescription, administration, and dispensing of certain drugs for  
4 off-label use by healthcare professionals with prescriptive authority; to prohibit  
5 certain licensing boards or commissions from limiting prescribing practices; and to  
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 37:1704 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1704. Prescription, administration, and dispensing of FDA-approved drugs for  
10 off-label use

11 A. As used in this Section, the following terms have the following meanings:

12 (1) "FDA" means the United States Food and Drug Administration.

13 (2) "Off-label use" means the use of a prescription drug for an indication for  
14 which it has not been approved by the FDA or the use of such drug in an age group,  
15 dosage, or route of administration that has not been approved by the FDA.

16 B. No healthcare professional licensing board or commission created by the  
17 provisions of this Title shall prohibit or restrict the prescribing, administering, or  
18 dispensing for an off-label use of a drug that has been approved for a specific use by  
19 the FDA.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides that no healthcare professional licensing board or commission of the state shall prohibit or restrict the prescribing, administering, or dispensing of drugs for off-label use.

Present law provides for licensure and regulation by the state of various types of healthcare professionals.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that no healthcare professional licensing board or commission shall prohibit or restrict the prescribing, administering, or dispensing for an off-label use of a human drug that has been approved for a specific use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Proposed law defines "off-label use", for purposes of proposed law, as the use of a prescription drug for an indication for which it has not been approved by the FDA or the use of such drug in an age group, dosage, or route of administration that has not been approved by the FDA.

(Adds R.S. 37:1704)