

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 690 (Substitute for House Bill No. 377 by Representative Owen)

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

PUBLIC HEALTH: Provides relative to emergency use authorization

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:5.13, relative to the administration of medical activities under Emergency
3 Use Authorization; to require the surgeon general to promulgate rules for the
4 administration of emergency use authorization-related medical activities; to provide
5 for the applicability of these rules to all members of the healthcare community; to
6 specify that these rules apply during health emergencies and regular operations; to
7 provide for the scope and content of the rules; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 40:5.13 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §5.13. Rules for administration of medical activities under Emergency Use
11 Authorization

12 A. The purpose of this Section is to ensure the safe, effective, and uniform
13 administration of medical activities under Emergency Use Authorization by all
14 members of the healthcare community in this state, during both health emergencies
15 and regular operations, to protect public health and safety.

16 B. For the purposes of this Section:

17 (1) "Emergency Use Authorization" or "EUA" refers to the authority granted
18 under federal law, specifically Section 564 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic
19 Act, 21 U.S.C. 360bbb-3, to allow the use of unapproved medical products or
20 unapproved uses of approved medical products during a public health emergency.

1 (2) "Healthcare community" includes but is not limited to hospitals, public
2 and private clinics, pharmacies, nursing homes, and any other entity that participates
3 in healthcare activities where EUA may apply, whether during a health emergency
4 or under the regular order of business for the medical community.

5 (3) "Health emergency" means a state of emergency declared by the governor
6 or a public health emergency declared by the state health officer under the Louisiana
7 Health Emergency Powers Act, R.S. 29:760 et seq.

8 C. (1) The surgeon general shall promulgate rules in accordance with the
9 Administrative Procedure Act for the administration of medical activities under
10 Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) by all members of the healthcare community
11 in this state.

12 (2) Such rules shall apply to all entities within the healthcare community,
13 including but not limited to hospitals, public and private clinics, pharmacies, nursing
14 homes, and any other entity involved in healthcare activities where EUA may apply,
15 whether during a health emergency or under the regular order of business for the
16 medical community.

17 D. The rules promulgated by the surgeon general shall include but not be
18 limited to the following:

19 (1) Procedures for the safe and effective administration of EUA-authorized
20 medical products including therapeutics, vaccines, diagnostics, and other
21 interventions.

22 (2) Guidelines for informed consent, ensuring that patients are fully informed
23 of the risks, benefits, and alternatives associated with EUA-authorized products.

24 (3) Protocols for monitoring and reporting adverse events related to
25 EUA-authorized products, including mandatory reporting to the Louisiana
26 Department of Health and, where applicable, federal authorities.

27 (4) Standards for training and education of healthcare providers on the proper
28 use and administration of EUA-authorized products.

1 (5) Measures to ensure access to EUA-authorized products and protections
2 across all segments of the population, with specific attention to underserved and rural
3 communities.

4 (6) Provisions for transparency, including public disclosure of EUA-related
5 activities by healthcare entities, to maintain public trust during health emergencies.

6 (7) Procedures for compliance and enforcement, including penalties for
7 noncompliance by healthcare entities, to ensure uniformity and accountability.

8 E.(1) The rules promulgated in accordance with this Section shall apply to
9 all EUA-related medical activities conducted by the healthcare community in this
10 state, whether during a health emergency or under the regular order of business for
11 the medical community.

12 (2) The rules shall not supersede federal regulations governing EUA but shall
13 complement such regulations by providing state-specific guidance to ensure
14 uniformity and safety in administration.

15 Section 2. The surgeon general shall begin the rulemaking process required by
16 Section 1 as enacted by this Act no later than six months after the effective of this Act.

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

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to emergency use authorization.

Proposed law provides for the administration of medical activities under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) as authorized by federal law but does not specify state-level rules for the healthcare community in Louisiana.

Proposed law requires the surgeon general to promulgate rules for the administration of EUA-related medical activities by all members of the healthcare community, including hospitals, public and private clinics, pharmacies, nursing homes, and other entities involved in healthcare activities where EUA may apply.

Proposed law specifies that these rules shall apply during health emergencies and under the regular order of business for the medical community, covering procedures for safe administration, informed consent, adverse event reporting, training, equitable access, transparency, and compliance.

Proposed law specifies that the surgeon general shall begin the rulemaking process as required by proposed law no later than six months after the effective date of proposed law.

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

(Adds R.S. 40:5.13)