

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 312 (HB 676)

2026 Regular Session

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New law prohibits a person from knowingly or intentionally doing either of the following:

- (1) Soliciting, offering, paying, or receiving any fee, payment, rebate, commission, or anything of value for the referral of a patient to a residential substance abuse facility, mental health facility, or a facility licensed for substance use disorder treatment or services.
- (2) Urging or marketing to any person to make, furnish, or receive any fee, payment, rebate, commission, or anything of value for the referral of a patient to a residential substance abuse facility, mental health facility, or a facility licensed for substance use disorder treatment or services.

New law provides for exceptions.

New law defines the terms "person" and "residential substance abuse facility".

New law provides for a penalty consisting of imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than five years or a maximum fine of \$50,000, or both.

New law provides for the payment of restitution to the victim and any other person who has suffered a financial loss as a result of the offense in accordance with existing law (C.Cr.P. Art. 883.2).

Effective upon signature of governor (May 22, 2026).

(Adds R.S. 14:70.5.1)