

First Extraordinary Session, 2005

HOUSE BILL NO. 116

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCALISE

FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS: Provides with respect to the effective date of the Healthcare Affordability Act (Item #18)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Section 5 of Act 182 of the 2005 Regular Session of the Legislature,
3 relative to state fees; to provide for the effective date of the Healthcare Affordability
4 Act and certain provisions of law ancillary thereto; to provide for an effective date;
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Section 5 of Act 182 of the 2005 Regular Session of the Legislature is
8 hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 Section 5. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor
10 or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law
11 without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the
12 Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by
13 the legislature, this Act shall become effective on June 30, 2009.

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

DIGEST

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Scalise

HB No. 116

Abstract: Provides for the effective date of the Louisiana Healthcare Affordability Act.

Present law establishes the Louisiana Healthcare Affordability Act, which provides for the levy of fees on net patient revenues of certain hospitals, the avails of which shall be deposited into the Louisiana Healthcare Affordability Trust Fund. Further, present law provides for penalties and sanctions for nonpayment of fees.

Present law establishes the Louisiana Healthcare Affordability Trust Fund as a special fund in the state treasury. The source of monies for the fund are the fees levied on total net patient revenues of certain hospitals. Monies in the fund may only be appropriated for purposes of the state Medicaid program. Unexpended and unencumbered monies remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be invested by the state treasurer in the same manner as those in the state general fund, and earnings shall be deposited into the fund.

Present law became effective June 28, 2005.

Proposed law changes the effective date for present law to June 30, 2009.

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

(Amends §5 of Act 182 of 2005 R.S.)