

SENATE BILL NO. 187

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

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1013(C), to enact R.S. 40:1004(C), and to repeal R.S. 40:1003(6)(e), 1005(A)(5) and (26), relative to veterinarians and the Prescription Monitoring Program; to provide for a veterinarian exception to the Prescription Monitoring Program; to remove the veterinarian exception for "dispenser"; to remove certain members from the Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Council; to repeal certain provisions with respect to the levying and collecting of fees to veterinarians by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:1013(C) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:1004(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1004. Establishment of prescription monitoring program

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C. This Part shall not apply to any person licensed pursuant to R.S.

37:1511 et seq.

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§1013. Funding authority

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C. The board shall have the authority to levy and collect an annual fee from

1 each of the following practitioners in possession of authority to prescribe or dispense
 2 controlled dangerous substances: physicians, podiatrists, dentists, ~~veterinarians~~,
 3 optometrists, advanced practice registered nurses, physician assistants, medical
 4 psychologists, or any other person subsequently authorized by law to prescribe
 5 controlled dangerous substances. The board shall also have the authority to levy and
 6 collect an annual fee from each pharmacy licensed by the board. The annual fee
 7 levied and collected from each person enumerated in this Subsection and each
 8 pharmacy shall not exceed twenty-five dollars.

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10 Section 2. R.S. 40:1003(6)(e) and R.S.40:1005(A)(5) and (26) are hereby repealed.

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____