

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 185

BY REPRESENTATIVE ARMES

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

MILITARY AFFAIRS: Establishes the La. Military Medics and Corpsmen Pilot Program

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Chapter 59-A of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be
3 comprised of R.S. 37:3661 through 3665, relative to military medical personnel; to
4 establish a pilot program to authorize retired military medical personnel to provide
5 certain healthcare services; to provide for definitions; to require progress reports and
6 final recommendations; to provide for a termination date of the pilot program; and
7 to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. Chapter 59-A of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
10 comprised of R.S. 37:3661 through 3665, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 CHAPTER 59-A. LOUISIANA MILITARY MEDICS

12 AND CORPSMEN PILOT PROGRAM

13 §3661. Short title

14 This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Louisiana Military
15 Medics and Corpsmen Pilot Program".

16 §3662. Definitions

17 As used in this Chapter, the following words have the following meanings
18 unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

19 (1) "Department" means the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs.

1 (2) "Military medical personnel" means an individual who has recently
2 served as a medic in the United States Army, medical technician in the United States
3 Air Force, or corpsman in the United States Navy or the United States Coast Guard
4 and who was discharged or released from such service under conditions other than
5 dishonorable.

6 (3) "Pilot program" means the Louisiana Military Medics and Corpsmen
7 Pilot Program established pursuant to this Chapter.

8 §3663. Military medical personnel; pilot program

9 A.(1) The department, in collaboration with each state agency or
10 professional or occupational licensing board or commission that regulates the
11 practice of a healthcare profession, shall establish a pilot program in which military
12 medical personnel may practice and perform certain delegated acts that constitute
13 healthcare services under the supervision of a physician or podiatrist who holds an
14 active, unrestricted license in Louisiana. The activities shall reflect the level of
15 training and experience of the military medical personnel.

16 (2) The supervising physician or podiatrist shall retain responsibility for the
17 care of the patient.

18 B. Any licensed physician or podiatrist, a professional corporation or
19 partnership of any licensee, any hospital, or any commercial enterprise having
20 medical facilities for its employees that are supervised by one or more physicians or
21 podiatrists may participate in the pilot program.

22 C.(1) The department shall establish general requirements for participating
23 military medical personnel, licensees, and employers.

24 (2) Each state agency or professional or occupational licensing board or
25 commission that participates in the pilot program may promulgate, in accordance
26 with the Administrative Procedure Act, any rules necessary for the implementation
27 of the program.

- 1 §3664. Reporting requirements
- 2 The department shall report to the governor and to the House and Senate
- 3 committees on health and welfare no later than thirty days prior to the start of the
- 4 regular legislative session each year on the progress of the pilot program and shall
- 5 provide a written report of findings and recommendations upon termination of the
- 6 program.
- 7 §3665. Termination date
- 8 Implementation of the Louisiana Military Medics and Corpsmen Pilot
- 9 Program shall terminate on December 31, 2020.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes the La. Military Medics and Corpsmen Pilot Program.

Proposed law defines "department", "military medical personnel", and "pilot program".

Proposed law authorizes the La. Dept. of Veteran Affairs (LDVA), in collaboration with each state agency or professional or occupational licensing board or commission that regulates the practice of a healthcare profession, to establish a pilot program in which military medical personnel may practice and perform certain delegated acts that constitute healthcare services under the supervision of a physician or podiatrist who holds an active, unrestricted license in La.

Proposed law requires the activities to reflect the level of training and experience of the military medical personnel and requires the supervising physician or podiatrist to retain responsibility for the care of the patient.

Proposed law requires LDVA to report to the governor and to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare no later than 30 days prior to the start of the regular legislative session each year on the progress of the pilot program and to provide a written report of findings and recommendations upon termination of the program.

The pilot program established by proposed law terminates on Dec. 31, 2020.

(Adds R.S. 37:3661-3665)