

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 250

BY REPRESENTATIVE PYLANT

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

HEALTH: Authorizes local needle exchange programs

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:1024(C), relative to needle exchange programs; to authorize local
3 governing authorities to establish needle exchange programs; to provide for an
4 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:1024(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §1024. Exceptions; defenses; local needle exchanges

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9 C. Any provision of law to the contrary herein notwithstanding, the
10 provisions of this Part shall not prohibit the establishment and implementation of a
11 needle exchange program within the jurisdiction of a local governing authority,
12 including but not limited to a city, town, or parish, upon the express approval of the
13 local governing authority.

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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Abstract: Authorizes local governments to establish needle exchange programs.

Present law prohibits any transaction involving drug paraphernalia. Further provides an exception for any product or object designed and sold primarily for scientific research, industrial, veterinary, or agricultural purposes, or for bona fide medical or clinical use.

Proposed law retains present law but authorizes local governments to establish needle exchange programs.

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

(Adds R.S. 40:1024(C))