

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 185

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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.

20 (2) "Military medical personnel" means an individual who has recently  
21 served as a medic in the United States Army, medical technician in the United States  
22 Air Force, or corpsman in the United States Navy or the United States Coast Guard

1 and who was discharged or released from such service under conditions other than  
 2 dishonorable.

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

5 §3663. Military medical personnel; pilot program

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

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

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

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

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

25 §3664. Reporting requirements

26 The department shall report to the governor and to the House and Senate  
 27 committees on health and welfare no later than thirty days prior to the start of the  
 28 regular legislative session each year on the progress of the pilot program and shall  
 29 provide a written report of findings and recommendations upon termination of the  
 30 program.

1           §3665. Termination date  
2                   Implementation of the Louisiana Military Medics and Corpsmen Pilot  
3           Program shall terminate on December 31, 2020.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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