

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 556

2018 Regular Session

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KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

HEALTH CARE. Provides for information and access to breast reconstructive surgery. (gov sig)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Provides that information to be provided the patient may include information consistent to that developed by LDH and the Louisiana Cancer and Lung Trust Board and circulated to providers and patients by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.
2. Adds effective upon signature by the governor.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

SB 556 Reengrossed

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Proposed law requires every hospital licensed by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) and every Louisiana physician who provides mastectomy surgery, lymph node dissection, or a lumpectomy to provide information to the patient concerning the option of reconstructive surgery following such procedures, including the availability of coverage for reconstructive surgery, in accordance with the state insurance law and applicable provisions of federal law.

Proposed law requires the information be provided to the patient in writing and in advance of obtaining consent to the surgical procedure.

Proposed law requires that at a minimum the information include the following:

- (1) A description of the various reconstructive options and the advantages and disadvantages of each.
- (2) A description of the provisions assuring coverage by public and private insurance plans of the costs related to reconstructive surgery under federal and state law.
- (3) A description of how a patient may access reconstructive care, including the potential of transferring care to a facility that provides reconstructive care or choosing to pursue reconstruction after completion of breast cancer surgery and chemotherapy and radiotherapy, if warranted.
- (4) Other information as may be required by the secretary of LDH, consistent with information developed by LDH and the Louisiana Cancer and Lung Trust Board and circulated to providers and patients by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.

Present law is known as the "Oral and Written Summary of Breast Cancer Treatment Alternatives Law". Proposed law renames Part as the "Carter Stokes Oral and Written Summary of Breast Cancer Treatment Alternatives and Access to Breast Reconstruction Surgery Information Law".

Effective upon signature by the governor.

(Amends R.S. 40:1103.1; adds R.S. 40:1103.5)

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