

SENATE BILL NO. 29

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

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

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 37:23.3, relative to professional or occupational licensing boards or commissions; to prohibit certain actions by a board or commission relative to the providing of testimony or records to a legislative body; to provide relative to consent decrees; to provide relative to and prohibit certain disciplinary action by a board or commission; to provide for certain terms, conditions, definitions, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:23.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**§23.3. Prohibited agreements and actions of professional licensing boards and commissions**

**A. No professional or occupational licensing board or commission shall:**

**(1) Enter into a consent decree with a licensee, permittee, or certificate holder if such decree contains a nondisparagement clause. Such a nondisparagement clause contained in a consent decree is contrary to public policy of this state and shall be null, void, and unenforceable.**

**(2) Initiate disciplinary action against a licensee, permittee, or certificate holder for providing testimony or records to a legislative body.**

1                    **B. For the purposes of this Section, a "legislative body" shall include but**  
2                    **not be limited to a legislative committee, subcommittee, or task force.**

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_