2022 Regular Session
HOUSE BILL NO. 175
BY REPRESENTATIVE LANDRY

PUBLIC SFTY/CORRECTIONS: Provides relative to copayments made by inmates upon receiving medical or dental treatment

AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 15:831(B)(2) and to repeal R.S. 15:874(4)(d), relative to medical care of inmates; to provide relative to copayments made by inmates upon receiving medical or dental treatment; to provide relative to an inmate's compensation account; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 15:831(B)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§831. Medical care of inmates; testing

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B. In addition, the secretary shall adopt rules requiring that copayments be made by inmates upon receiving medical or dental treatment, which may include a sliding scale based on the inmates' ability to pay. These rules and regulations shall include but not be limited to guidelines for payments for inmate visits to doctors, hospitals, psychiatrists, and dentists, and for receipt of prescription or nonprescription drugs. The secretary shall also establish written guidelines for collection of copayments from an inmate's drawing account or savings account pursuant to R.S. 15:874. The provisions of this Paragraph shall apply to medical or dental treatment received at a public hospital operated by the Louisiana State...
Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no inmate shall be required to make a copayment upon receiving medical or dental treatment.

Section 2. R.S. 15:874(4)(d) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that inmates shall not be required to make a copayment upon receiving medical or dental treatment.

Present law (R.S. 15:831(B)(2)) requires the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to adopt rules providing that copayments shall be made by inmates upon receiving medical or dental treatment, which may include a sliding scale based on the inmate's ability to pay.

Proposed law provides that no inmate shall be required to make a copayment upon receiving medical or dental treatment.

Present law (R.S. 15:874(4)(d)) relative to an inmate's compensation account, provides that funds credited to the inmate's drawing or savings account may be withdrawn to satisfy any medical or dental copayment in accordance with present law (R.S. 15:831(B)(2)).

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 15:831(B)(2); Repeals R.S. 15:874(4)(d))