

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 448

BY REPRESENTATIVE PRESSLY

PHYSICIANS: Provides relative to penalties for the unauthorized practice of medicine

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1290, relative to the regulation of the practice of medicine;  
3 to remove certain penalties for the unauthorized practice of medicine; and to provide  
4 for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:1290 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1290. Penalties

8 Whoever violates any of the provisions of this Part shall, for each offense, be  
9 fined not less than two hundred and fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars;  
10 ~~or imprisoned for not less than ten days nor more than five months, or both.~~

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Removes imprisonment from penalty provisions for the unauthorized practice of medicine.

Present law provides that any person who violates present law, relative to the practice of medicine, surgery, and midwifery, shall, for each offense, be fined no less than \$250 nor more than \$500, or imprisoned for no less than 10 days nor more than 5 months, or both.

Proposed law removes imprisonment from the penalty provisions and otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 37:1290)