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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2022 Regular Session

Substitute for Original House Bill No. 520 by Representative Hughes as proposed by the House Committee on Health and Welfare

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To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1216.1(G) and to enact R.S. 40:1216.1(A)(10), relative to procedures for victims of sexually-oriented criminal offenses; to provide for emergency contraception; to provide for informational materials relating to emergency contraception; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:1216.1(G) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:1216.1(A)(10) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1216.1. Procedures for victims of a sexually-oriented criminal offense; immunity; regional plans; maximum allowable costs; definitions

A. All licensed hospitals and healthcare providers in Louisiana shall adhere to the following procedures in the event that a person, male or female, presents himself or herself or is presented for treatment as a victim of a sexually-oriented criminal offense:

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(10) The victim shall be provided with information about emergency contraception which shall be developed and made available electronically to all licensed hospitals in this state through the Louisiana Department of Health's website and by paper form upon request to the department. The treating healthcare provider shall inform the victim of the option to be provided emergency contraception at the hospital or healthcare facility and, upon the completion of a pregnancy test yielding a negative result, shall provide emergency contraception upon the request of the victim.

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G. For purposes of this Section the following definitions apply:

(1) "Emergency contraception" means only drugs approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration with mechanisms of action that likely include the prevention of ovulation, sperm capacitation, or fertilization after sexual intercourse and do not meet the definition of a legend drug as defined in R.S. 40:1060.11.

(2) "Forensic medical examination" has the same meaning as defined in R.S. 15:622.

~~(2)~~(3) "Healthcare provider" means either of the following:

(a) A physician or other healthcare practitioner licensed, certified, registered, or otherwise authorized to perform specified healthcare services consistent with state law.

(b) A facility or institution providing healthcare services, including but not limited to a hospital or other licensed inpatient center, ambulatory surgical or treatment center, skilled nursing facility, inpatient hospice facility, residential treatment center, diagnostic, laboratory, or imaging center, or rehabilitation or other therapeutic health setting.

~~(3)~~(4) "Healthcare services" means services, items, supplies, or drugs for the diagnosis, prevention, treatment, cure, or relief of a health condition, illness, injury, or disease ancillary to a sexually-oriented criminal offense.

~~(4)~~(5) "Sexually-oriented criminal offense" has the same meaning as defined in R.S. 15:622.

Section 2. The Louisiana Department of Health shall develop and make available information to comply with the requirements of R.S. 40:1216.1 as enacted by Section 1 of this Act. The department shall prepare and produce informational materials relating to emergency contraception for the prevention of pregnancy for distribution and use in all licensed hospitals in this state. The department, in collaboration with community sexual assault programs and other appropriate stakeholders, may also approve informational materials from other sources for the purposes of this Act. The informational materials shall meet all of the following requirements:

(1) Be medically and factually accurate and objective.

(2) Be clearly written and readily comprehensible in a culturally competent manner as the department, in collaboration with community sexual assault programs and other relevant stakeholders, deems necessary to inform survivors of sexual assault.

(3) Explain the nature of emergency contraception, including its use, safety, efficacy, and availability.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2023.

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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides emergency healthcare for victims of sexually-oriented criminal offenses, adds definitions, establishes a standard of care for hospitals and healthcare facilities, and requires the treating healthcare professional to provide certain information.

Present law requires all licensed hospitals and healthcare providers in Louisiana to adhere to certain procedures if a person, male or female, presents himself or herself or is presented for treatment as a victim of a sexually-oriented criminal offense.

Proposed law requires the victim to be provided with information about emergency contraception.

Proposed law requires the information about emergency contraception to be developed and made available to all Louisiana hospitals electronically through the La. Dept. of Health's (LDH) website and by paper form upon request to LDH.

Proposed law requires the treating healthcare provider to inform the victim of the option to be provided emergency contraception at the hospital or healthcare facility and, upon the completion of a pregnancy test yielding a negative result, requires the emergency contraception to be provided upon the victim's request.

Present law defines "forensic medical examination", "healthcare provider", "healthcare services", and "sexually-oriented criminal offense".

Proposed law defines "emergency contraception".

Proposed law requires LDH to develop, prepare, and produce informational materials relating to emergency contraception for the prevention of pregnancy for distribution and use in all hospitals in this state.

Proposed law requires LDH, in collaboration with community sexual assault programs and other appropriate stakeholders, to approve informational materials from other sources for the purposes of proposed law.

Proposed law establishes certain requirements for the informational materials required by proposed law.

Effective January 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 40:1216.1(G); Adds R.S. 40:1216.1(A)(10))