

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 673

2022 Regular Session

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INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides relative to the regulation of pharmacy benefit managers

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Allows the advisory council to conduct meetings via electronic means.
2. Requires the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, the Department of Insurance, and the advisory council to provide notice, an agenda, and certain detailed information for the public no later than twenty-four hours before a meeting.
3. Establishes certain meeting requirements for the pharmacy benefit manager monitoring advisory council and its presiding officer.
4. Defines certain terms for the purposes of proposed law.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides for the pharmacy benefit manager monitoring advisory council and provides for membership, functions, and matters for the council to advise the commissioner of insurance and the board of pharmacy relative to the regulation of pharmacy benefit managers.

Proposed law adds the governor, the chairman of the House Committee on Insurance, the chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare, the chairman of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, and the chairman of the Senate Committee on Insurance to the pharmacy benefit manager monitoring advisory council, provides for technical changes, and otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law provides that the advisory council may conduct and its members may attend and participate in meetings via electronic means.

Proposed law provides that the Department of Insurance, the advisory council, and its presiding officer shall comply with all the requirements of proposed law.

Proposed law provides that no later than twenty-four hours prior to a meeting conducted in accordance with the provisions of proposed law, the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, the Department of Insurance, and the advisory council shall provide notice, an agenda, and certain detailed information for the public.

Proposed law requires the advisory council to provide a mechanism to receive public comments electronically, both prior to and during the meeting, to properly identify and acknowledge all public comments throughout the meeting, and to maintain those comments in its record of the meeting.

Proposed law requires the presiding officer of the advisory council to ensure that each person participating in the meeting is properly identified and all parts of the meeting are clear and audible to all participants in the meeting, as well as the public.

Proposed law defines "meeting via electronic means", "teleconference", and "video conference" for the purposes of proposed law.

Effective upon governor's signature or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 40:2869(D) and (E); Adds R.S. 40:2869(A)(21)-(25) and (F) and R.S. 42:17.2)