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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Eliminates the requirement that a phlebotomist be certified if he is not employed by or directly supervised by a licensed physician or licensed healthcare facility.

Present law defines "phlebotomist" as an individual performing an invasive procedure to withdraw blood from the human body to collect samples for the practice of clinical laboratory science.

Proposed law expands the scope of a phlebotomist by allowing him to perform and report the results of any waived tests, which are routine tests provided for by the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1998, subject to related rules and regulations.

Present law exempts a phlebotomist or an individual acting as a phlebotomist from certification requirements if he is employed by a licensed physician, clinic, hospital, nursing home, or other licensed healthcare facility.

Proposed law exempts a phlebotomist from certification requirements.

Present law grants the Clinical Laboratory Personnel Committee the duty to provide continuing education content, criteria, and program for phlebotomists.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law establishes a \$25 fee to renew a phlebotomist's certification.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law establishes that each applicant for certification as a phlebotomist shall meet one of the following requirements:

- (1) Complete educational courses in order to be eligible for and successfully complete a nationally recognized certification exam.
- (2) Successfully fulfill the requirements of a training program as a phlebotomist approved by Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (board) and successfully complete a certification exam administered by the board and the Clinical Laboratory Personnel Committee.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 37:1312(13), 1313(D), 1318(A), 1321(A)(3), and 1323(Section heading); Repeals R.S. 37:1315(A)(1), (10)(f), and (13), 1321(A)(2), and 1323(F))