
DIGEST

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HB 578 Engrossed

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Glover

Abstract: Establishes a program to encourage and assist the public to quit smoking.

Proposed law provides that individuals may receive any of the smoking cessation benefits for a three-month period with all costs paid by private insurance, or Medicaid, if applicable. Smoking cessation benefits include but are not limited to nicotine patches, nicotine lozenges, and prescription drugs.

Proposed law directs the La. Department of Health to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to enforce the provisions of proposed law.

Proposed law provides for definitions.

(Adds R.S. 40:1295)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Remove the requirement that the La. Department of Health develop and implement a public awareness campaign.
2. Make technical changes.