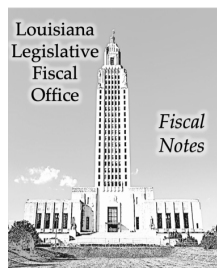


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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 629** HLS 23RS 1352

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Opp. Chamb. Action:

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<b>Subject:</b> Exempts neuropathic pain and topical system administration		

TAX/SALES-USE, LOCAL-EXEM OR DECREASE LF RV See Note Page 1 of 1  
Exempts from local sales and use taxes certain prescription drugs administered by topical system in medical clinics

Current law provides for a mandatory local sales and use tax exemption for the procurement and administration of certain prescription drugs infused or injected by a healthcare professional in a medical clinic in the treatment of 46 eligible diseases and conditions. For this exemption, a medical clinic is defined in law and includes physician's offices and all licensed outpatient facilities related to the eligible diseases and conditions.

Proposed law expands the local sales tax exemption by adding neuropathic pain to the list of eligible conditions and by adding topical administration of prescription drugs for all eligible conditions in a medical clinic by a healthcare professional.

Effective July 1, 2023

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

The bill can only work to reduce local sales tax revenues by some indeterminable amount from what they would otherwise be. The magnitude of the impact appears to correspond primarily to the local taxation of prescription drugs applied by topical system and/or for neuropathic pain that would be administered in an outpatient or physician office setting and are not currently considered treatment for the list of 46 eligible diseases and conditions. Under current law, it is not clear what specific drugs are currently exempt for each condition or how much sales tax is being remitted that might be exempt already in the absence of that clarity.

Specific information regarding the aggregate taxable value of these drugs is not available for all local entities. The revenue impact for any particular political subdivision will vary depending on the tax rate applied to these transactions in each subdivision and the extent to which each subdivision currently exempts prescription drugs.

While the Legislative Fiscal Office cannot confirm estimates of tax loss statewide, the large number of potentially affected establishments in the state, the likelihood that prescription drugs for neuropathic pain and those administered topically that are currently taxable will no longer be taxed under this bill and the expected elevated cost of prescription drugs, form the basis of the opinion that the bill could reduce tax collections in local jurisdictions across the state.

- Senate
- 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
- 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

- House
- 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
- 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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