

**GREEN SHEET REDIGEST**

**HB 459**

**2023 Regular Session**

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**HEALTH CARE/PROVIDERS. Provides relative to phlebotomists.**

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DIGEST

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 licensed healthcare facility.

Proposed law retains present law and expands the list of qualifying employers to include a testing location or laboratory licensed or certified under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988, if the facility provides at least 35 hours of phlebotomist training and continuing education annually.

(Amends R.S. 37:1313(D) and 1318(A); repeals R.S. 37:1315(A)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove proposed law that would allow a phlebotomist to practice without a certification in certain circumstances.
2. Add that a phlebotomist is exempt from certification requirements if the phlebotomist works for a testing location or laboratory licensed or certified under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988.
3. Make technical corrections.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the reengrossed bill

1. Limit the exemption to testing locations and laboratories that offer at least 35 hours of training and continuing education annually.
2. Restore present law provision requiring an individual acting as or performing the duties of a phlebotomist to possess a current certificate unless exempted.