2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 592

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

HEALTH CARE/PROVIDERS: Provides relative to workplace violence in healthcare settings

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2199.12(3), relative to healthcare workplace violence
3	prevention; to require certain healthcare providers to implement workplace violence
4	mitigation initiatives; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. 40:2199.12(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
7	§2199.12. Definitions
8	As used in this Subpart, the following terms have the meaning ascribed to
9	them in this Section:
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11	(3) "Regulated entity" means any healthcare entity such as a licensed
12	healthcare facility listed in R.S. 40:2006(A)(2), a federally qualified health center as
13	defined in R.S. 40:1185.3, a pharmacy permitted in accordance with Part IV of
14	Chapter 14 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and any office of
15	a healthcare provider at which five or more healthcare professionals, as defined in
16	R.S. 14:34.8(B), treat that treats patients and such office is not otherwise licensed by
17	the state but provides healthcare services delivered by a licensee of a healthcare
18	professional licensing board created in Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of
19	1950. A healthcare entity shall not be considered a regulated entity if it employs five

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1 or fewer licensed medical providers, such as a physician, pharmacist, advanced

2 practice registered nurse, physician assistant, or dentist.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates an exemption to the workplace violence education and mitigation requirements for a healthcare entity with five or fewer licensed medical providers.

<u>Present law</u> requires a regulated entity, defined as a licensed healthcare facility, federal qualified health center, pharmacy, or healthcare provider's office with five or more healthcare professionals, to implement programs to mitigate and raise awareness of workplace violence.

<u>Proposed law</u> modifies the definition of regulated entity to include any healthcare entity such as a licensed healthcare facility, federal qualified health center, pharmacy, or healthcare provider's office with five or more licensed medical providers shall implement programs to mitigate and raise awareness of workplace violence; however no healthcare entity with five or fewer licensed medical providers, such as a physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, pharmacist, or dentist, shall be considered a regulated entity.

(Amends R.S. 40:2199.12(3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Health and Welfare</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

1. Change reference <u>from</u> "primary healthcare providers" to "licensed medical providers" to determine if a healthcare entity is a regulated entity.