

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 262

BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to work with the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to study and make recommendations to establish a more efficient process for licensing nondiagnostic technicians.

WHEREAS, the clinical need for plasma-derived therapies has been steadily increasing for many years; and

WHEREAS, plasma-derived medicines are often the only therapies for many rare and chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, there have been reports of patients having difficulty accessing two plasma-derived therapies, albumin and immune globulin, in the last decade; and

WHEREAS, plasma donation center donors provide the source plasma needed to manufacture plasma-derived therapies to treat several chronic, rare conditions; and

WHEREAS, source plasma donation centers employ thousands of Louisiana residents and provide millions of dollars to local economies through wages, taxes, and donor fees; and

WHEREAS, source plasma donation centers provide excellent opportunities for entry-level jobs for high school graduates; and

WHEREAS, there are more than twenty source plasma donation centers in this state; and

WHEREAS, employment of nondiagnostic technicians is critical to ensuring safe source plasma donations; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has established licensing requirements for individual technicians unlike other states that establish licensing requirements at the clinic level; and

WHEREAS, background checks are required as a part of the licensing of nondiagnostic technicians; and

WHEREAS, improving the efficiency of licensing employees of source plasma donation centers could more readily provide more access to source plasma and potential employment opportunities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to work with the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to study and make recommendations to establish a more efficient process for licensing nondiagnostic technicians, which will benefit Louisiana residents who rely on plasma-derived therapies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the recommendations requested in this Resolution shall be submitted in the form of a written report to the House Committee on Health and Welfare by February 1, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and the executive director of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES