

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 779

BY REPRESENTATIVES FREEMAN AND CHASSION

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1121.6(A), (B), and (C)(introductory paragraph) and to enact
3 R.S. 40:1121.6(F) and (G), relative to expedited partner therapy; to provide for
4 eligible medical conditions for expedited partner therapy; to provide for liability; to
5 provide for the duties of the Louisiana Department of Health; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 40:1121.6(A), (B), and (C)(introductory paragraph) are hereby
9 amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:1121.6(F) and (G) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §1121.6. Expedited partner therapy

11 A. The purpose of this Section is to allow for the provision of medications
12 or prescriptions by any physician licensed to practice medicine in this state or any
13 advanced practice registered nurse who is licensed to practice nursing in this state,
14 or any physician assistant, who is licensed to practice in this state, provided such
15 physician or nurse or physician assistant has the authority to write prescriptions in
16 this state, to individuals who may have been exposed to ~~gonorrhea or chlamydia.~~
17 gonorrhea, chlamydia, trichomoniasis, or other sexually associated infection, as
18 determined by the Louisiana Department of Health. Expedited partner therapy is
19 hereby authorized absent a doctor-patient relationship and absent clinical assessment.

20 B. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, any
21 physician or any advanced practice registered nurse who diagnoses or does a nurse
22 clinical assessment or any physician assistant who performs an examination of a case
23 of ~~chlamydia or gonorrhea~~ gonorrhea, chlamydia, trichomoniasis, or other sexually
24 associated infection, as determined by the Louisiana Department of Health in an

1 individual patient may prescribe, furnish, or otherwise provide prescription antibiotic
 2 drugs to that patient's sexual partner or partners absent a doctor-patient relationship
 3 or absent an advanced practice registered nurse-patient relationship and without
 4 examination or nurse clinical assessment or physician assistant examination of that
 5 patient's sexual partner or partners.

6 C. If expedited partner therapy is chosen as an alternative, the patient with
 7 a case of ~~chlamydia or gonorrhea~~ gonorrhea, chlamydia, trichomoniasis, or other
 8 sexually associated infection, as determined by the Louisiana Department of Health
 9 will be given a written document that he agrees to give to his sexual contact. The
 10 document will contain, but will not be limited to, the following information:

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12 F. A physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant
 13 who reasonably and in good faith renders expedited partner therapy in accordance
 14 with this Section and a pharmacist who reasonably and in good faith dispenses drugs
 15 in accordance with this Section shall not be subject to civil or criminal liability or be
 16 deemed to have engaged in unprofessional conduct.

17 G. The Louisiana Department of Health shall create a list of sexually
 18 associated infections that are eligible for expedited partner therapy.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____