

Regular Session, 2011

SENATE BILL NO. 156

BY SENATOR BROOME

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HOSPITALS. Requires hospitals, prior to discharge, to provide parents of newborns educational information on Pertussis disease and the availability of a vaccine. (8/15/11)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:2022, relative to health care information; to require hospitals to provide
3 certain health care information to certain patients; to provide for the development
4 and dissemination of the health care information by the Department of Health and
5 Hospitals; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:2022 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§2022. Health care information; pertussis**

9 **A. The legislature hereby finds that it is in the best interest of the**
10 **children born in this state that certain health care information be provided to**
11 **parents of newborns concerning the Pertussis disease. Pertussis (whooping**
12 **cough) is a very contagious disease caused by a type of bacteria called**
13 **Bordetella pertussis and is one of the most commonly occurring**
14 **vaccine-preventable diseases in the United States.**

15 **B. On and after January 1, 2012, every licensed hospital in the state of**
16 **Louisiana shall, prior to discharge, provide parents of newborns educational**
17 **information provided by the Department of Health and Hospitals on the**

1 **Pertussis disease and the availability of a vaccine to protect against contracting**
2 **the disease. Such information shall include, but not be limited to, information**
3 **on the recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that**
4 **parents receive the appropriate vaccination during the postpartum period to**
5 **help protect their newborns from the transmission of Pertussis.**

6 **C. The Department of Health and Hospitals shall, by January 1, 2012,**
7 **develop and disseminate to every hospital in the state information consistent**
8 **with the provisions of this Section.**

9 **D. Nothing in this Section shall require any hospital or the office of**
10 **public health within the Department of Health and Hospital to provide or pay**
11 **for any vaccination against Pertussis.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Greg Waddell.

DIGEST

Proposed law provides that on and after January 1, 2012, every licensed hospital in the state of Louisiana shall, prior to discharge, provide parents of newborns educational information provided by DHH on the Pertussis disease and the availability of a vaccine to protect against contracting the disease. Such information shall include, but not be limited to, information on the CDC's recommendation that parents receive the appropriate vaccination during the postpartum period to help protect their newborns from the transmission of Pertussis.

Proposed law requires DHH to develop and disseminate to every hospital in the state information consistent with the provisions of proposed law.

Effective August 15, 2011.

(Adds R.S. 40:2022)