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

DIGEST

<u>Present law</u> applies exemptions to drugs that are donated to charitable pharmacies from penal institution pharmacies.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes the exemption of penal institutions and provides that all drugs dispensed on prescription to an offender in the custody of DPS&C shall be accepted for return, exchange or re-dispensing by a pharmacy operated by, or under contract with the department.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires that the pharmacist in charge of the charitable pharmacy shall determine if the drug is not adulterated or misbranded and is safe to dispense. No product where integrity cannot be assured shall be accepted for re-dispensing by the pharmacist of the charitable pharmacy.

Proposed law authorizes the La. Board of Pharmacy to promulgate rules and regulations.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 37:1226.3)