

SENATE BILL NO. 26

BY SENATOR NEVERS

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

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 37:1291.1, relative to out-of-state physician orders; to provide for an out-of-state physician to order diagnostic tests under certain conditions; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:1291.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1291.1. Out-of-state physician orders

A. The board may adopt rules, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, exempting application of this Part to an out-of-state physician who orders routine diagnostic testing for an established patient, provided the physician-patient relationship was initiated through an in-person, face-to-face visit with the physician in another state, the order can be verified, and the results of all testing are provided directly to the ordering out-of-state physician. A health care facility or provider that is presented such an order may choose not to recognize such an order.

B. For the purposes of this Section, "out-of-state physician" means a physician who is duly licensed to practice medicine in any state or jurisdiction in the United States other than Louisiana.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____