

SENATE BILL NO. 156

BY SENATOR BROOME

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. 40:2022, relative to health care information; to require hospitals to provide certain health care information to certain patients; to provide for the development and dissemination of the health care information by the Department of Health and Hospitals; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

§2022. Health care information; pertussis

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

B. 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 the Department of Health and Hospitals 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 recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that parents receive the Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diphtheria Toxoid and Acellular Pertussis Vaccine Adsorbed (Tdap) vaccination during the postpartum period to help protect their newborns from the transmission of Pertussis.

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

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____