

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 241

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLMOTT

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

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1021, 1023(A), and 1025(A)(1), relative to medication
3 attendants; to expand the applicability of the medication attendant provisions to the
4 office of aging and adult services; to change the term "Medicaid waiver services
5 provided to persons with developmental disabilities" to "Medicaid home- and
6 community-based services"; to change the term "mental retardation" to
7 "developmental disabilities"; to make technical corrections; and to provide for
8 related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 37:1021, 1023(A), and 1025(A)(1) are hereby amended and
11 reenacted to read as follows:

12 §1021. Applicability

13 This Part shall apply only to the office for citizens with developmental
14 disabilities and the office of aging and adult services of the Department of Health
15 and Hospitals, to community homes for persons with ~~mental retardation~~
16 developmental disabilities funded through the Department of Health and Hospitals,
17 to intermediate care facilities for people with developmental disabilities, and to in-
18 home Medicaid ~~waiver~~ home- and community-based services ~~provided to persons~~
19 ~~with developmental disabilities~~. This Part shall apply to ~~programs/agencies~~ any
20 program or agency contracting for services with the Department of Health and
21 Hospitals ~~and/or~~ or the Department of Children and Family Services. Participation
22 on the part of private providers that contract with the Department of Health and
23 Hospitals or the Department of Children and Family Services is strictly voluntary.

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1 §1023. Drug administration course; certification of medication attendants; rules;
2 instructor training courses; fees

3 A. Drug administration courses shall be established by the office of the
4 secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals in conjunction with the
5 Louisiana State Board of Nursing and the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse
6 Examiners and as approved by the secretary of the Department of Health and
7 Hospitals. Persons who have successfully completed the course and passed a
8 qualifying examination shall be permitted to administer certain medications to
9 residents of facilities operated by the office for citizens with developmental
10 disabilities or community homes for persons with ~~mental retardation~~ developmental
11 disabilities funded through the Department of Health and Hospitals or the
12 Department of Children and Family Services and to persons ~~with developmental~~
13 ~~disabilities~~ receiving in-home Medicaid ~~waiver~~ home- and community-based
14 services and shall be known as medication attendants. The course shall include but
15 not be limited to instruction of the legal aspects, roles, and responsibilities of drug
16 administration, definitions, terminology, classification, measurement, identification,
17 effects, distribution, and the care and handling of drugs.

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19 §1025. Qualifications of applicants to the drug administration course

20 A. Each person accepted to participate in the drug administration course
21 shall be a citizen of the United States and a resident of this state and in addition:

22 (1) Must be employed in a facility operated by the office for citizens with
23 developmental disabilities, in a community home for persons with ~~mental retardation~~
24 developmental disabilities funded through the Department of Health and Hospitals
25 or the Department of Children and Family Services, or in an intermediate care
26 facility for people with developmental disabilities, or be a person who provides in-
27 home Medicaid ~~waiver~~ home- and community-based services ~~to a person with a~~
28 ~~developmental disability.~~

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1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 5 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____