

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 505

BY SENATOR HEITMEIER

PHYSICIANS. Provides for an automatic suspension of a physician's license. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 37:1287.2, relative to a physician's license; to provide for the automatic
3 suspension of a physician's license; to provide for a hearing; to provide for an
4 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:1287.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§1287.2. Automatic suspension of a license**

8 **A. Any license or permit issued by the board to a physician shall be**
9 **automatically suspended upon a physician's conviction or entry of a plea of**
10 **guilty or nolo contendere to a felony that constitutes a crime of violence as**
11 **defined in R.S. 14:2, arises out of the practice of medicine, or arises out of the**
12 **billing for health care services.**

13 **B.(1) The automatic suspension provided for in this Section shall remain**
14 **in effect from the date of conviction or plea until the conclusion of the**
15 **administrative proceedings and issuance of a final decision, consent order or**
16 **other order by the board pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.**

17 **(2) An individual whose license has been automatically suspended may**

1 **request an expedited hearing before the board. The hearing required in**
2 **Paragraph A(1) of this Section shall begin no later than ninety days from the**
3 **date of the board's receipt of such request.**

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christopher D. Adams.

DIGEST

Heitmeier (SB 505)

Proposed law provides any board issued license or permit to a physician shall be automatically suspended upon a physician's conviction or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a felony that constitutes a crime of violence as defined in present law, arises out of the practice of medicine, or arises out of the billing for health care services.

Proposed law provides the automatic suspension shall remain in effect from the date of conviction or plea until the conclusion of the administrative proceedings and issuance of a final decision, consent order or other order by the board pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

Proposed law provides an individual whose license has been automatically suspended may request an expedited hearing before the board.

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

(Adds R.S. 37:1287.2)