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SENATE BILL NO. 258

BY SENATOR JOHNS

SANITARY CODE. Provides relative to the Sanitary Code. (8/1/14)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 40:4(A)(2), relative to the Sanitary Code; to provide relative to the rules and regulations of the Sanitary Code; to provide for the reporting of cases of communicable diseases and conditions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 40:4(A)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§4. Sanitary Code

A. The state health officer acting through the office of public health of the Department of Health and Hospitals shall prepare, promulgate, and enforce rules and regulations embodied within the state's Sanitary Code covering all matters within his jurisdiction as defined and set forth in R.S. 40:5. The promulgation of this Sanitary Code shall be accomplished in strict accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, and further, in conformity with the following guidelines and directives:

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1 (2) In order to prevent the occurrence or spread of communicable diseases,
2 the rules and regulations of the Sanitary Code shall provide for an immunization
3 program and provide for and require the reporting, **including but not limited to the**
4 **reporting of cases of Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) when such a test is**
5 **conducted by a laboratory or hospital**, investigation, and application and
6 implementation of appropriate control measures to expressly include isolation and/or
7 quarantine proceedings and measures, for all communicable diseases of public health
8 significance. However, no rule or regulation of the Sanitary Code shall impose or
9 create any general duty to warn third parties upon any healthcare provider who has
10 complied with the applicable reporting requirements for communicable diseases as
11 set forth in the Sanitary Code. These rules and regulations shall also be designed to:
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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christopher D. Adams.

DIGEST

Johns (SB 258)

Present law provides in order to prevent the occurrence or spread of communicable diseases, the rules and regulations of the Sanitary Code shall provide for an immunization program and provide for and require the reporting, investigation, and application and implementation of appropriate control measures to expressly include isolation and/or quarantine proceedings and measures, for all communicable diseases of public health significance.

Proposed law amends present law to provide in order to prevent the occurrence or spread of communicable diseases, the rules and regulations of the Sanitary Code shall provide for an immunization program and provide for and require the reporting, including but not limited to the reporting of cases of Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) when such a test is conducted by a laboratory or hospital, investigation, and application and implementation of appropriate control measures to expressly include isolation and/or quarantine proceedings and measures, for all communicable diseases of public health significance.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 40:4(A)(2)(intro para))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Provides for the reporting of cases of Respiratory Syncytial Virus when a test is conducted by a laboratory or hospital.