

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

**SB 401 By Senator Mills**

**KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

PHARMACISTS. Provides for third party contracts with pharmacies. (8/1/14)

**SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL**

1. Deletes provision stipulating that all third party contracts with independent pharmacies shall be valid only upon receipt of the contract and each contractual term by the participating pharmacy.
2. Adds a provision stipulating that an organization that negotiates with a pharmacy or pharmacies shall provide to each pharmacy that the organization represents a copy of any new contract, provider agreement, amendment to such contract or agreement, or other provider documentation concerning the pharmacy's network participation with a third party payor.
3. Adds provision establishing that failure by an organization that negotiates with a pharmacy or pharmacies, or an organization that represents an independent pharmacy or a group of independent pharmacies, to provide documentation relative to a pharmacy's network participation with a third party payor as required in proposed law shall be deemed an unfair or deceptive act and practice pursuant to present law (R.S. 22:1961 et seq.).

**DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

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Proposed law provides that an organization that negotiates with a pharmacy or pharmacies, and an organization that represents an independent pharmacy or a group of independent pharmacies, shall provide to each pharmacy that the organization represents a copy of any new contract, provider agreement, amendment to such contract or agreement, or other provider documentation concerning the pharmacy's network participation with a third party payor.

Proposed law provides that failure by an organization that negotiates with a pharmacy or pharmacies, or an organization that represents an independent pharmacy or a group of independent pharmacies, to provide documentation relative to a pharmacy's network participation with a third party payor as required in proposed law shall be deemed an unfair or deceptive act and practice pursuant to present law (R.S. 22:1961 et seq.).

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 22:1857.1 and 1964(26))

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