

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 158

2015 Regular Session

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KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

MALPRACTICE. Provides for annual reporting of malpractice claims paid by insurers or self-insurers on behalf of certain health care providers in an annual report to the Senate and House committees on health and welfare. (gov sig)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Change the date by which the Patient's Compensation Fund's annual report is due to the legislature from Jan. 15 to Jan. 31.
2. Define "individual practitioner" as any individual person licensed or certified by this state to provide health care or professional services as a physician, dentist, registered or licensed practical nurse or certified nurse assistant, certified registered nurse anesthetist, nurse midwife, licensed midwife, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, pharmacist, optometrist, podiatrist, chiropractor, physical therapist, occupational therapist, psychologist, social worker, licensed professional counselor, licensed perfusionist, licensed respiratory therapist, licensed radiologic technologist, or licensed clinical laboratory scientist.
3. Requires that annual reports on certain claims against health care providers to provide instead that the reports shall address claims against individual practitioners.
4. Requires that annual reports address acts which gave rise to the paid claims.
5. Requires that reports to the legislature include all paid claims for the previous year and the year immediately preceding that year, as well as the total number of pending claims filed against the individual practitioner.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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Proposed law requires the executive director of Patient's Compensation Fund to submit a report on an annual basis to the Senate and House committees on health and welfare no later than January 31 that includes all of the following:

- (1) All claims against all individual practitioners who have had five or more paid claims for the previous year paid by the Patient's Compensation Fund.
- (2) All paid claims for the previous year and the year immediately preceding that year, as well as the total number of pending claims filed against that individual practitioner.
- (3) The name and address of the individual practitioner and a brief description of the acts of omission or commission which gave rise to the paid claims.

Proposed law provides that "individual practitioner" means any individual person licensed or certified by this state to provide health care or professional services as a physician, dentist, registered or licensed practical nurse or certified nurse assistant, certified registered nurse anesthetist, nurse midwife, licensed midwife, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, pharmacist, optometrist, podiatrist, chiropractor, physical therapist, occupational therapist, psychologist, social worker, licensed professional counselor, licensed perfusionist, licensed respiratory therapist, licensed radiologic technologist, or licensed clinical laboratory scientist.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.
(Adds R.S. 40:1299.48(D))

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