

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 381

BY REPRESENTATIVES JACKSON AND SIMON

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

HEALTH CARE/PROVIDERS: Exempts certain providers from licensure as behavioral health services providers

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:2154(18), relative to behavioral health services rendered to specialty
3 courts; to exempt from licensure requirements providers furnishing behavioral health
4 services to certain specialty courts; to provide for an effective date; and to provide
5 for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:2154(18) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §2154. Applicability

9 The provisions of this Part shall not apply to the licensing of any of the
10 following facilities or persons and shall not be construed as requiring any of the
11 following facilities or persons to seek licensure as a behavioral health services
12 provider:

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14 (18) Facilities or services operated for the sole purpose of providing
15 substance abuse or mental health services to courts that are recognized and certified
16 by the Louisiana Supreme Court as specialty courts.

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

DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes an exemption to the behavioral health services provider licensure requirement for providers operating for the sole purpose of furnishing substance abuse or mental health treatment services to specialty courts certified by the La. Supreme Court.

Present law requires behavioral health services providers to be licensed by the Dept. of Health and Hospitals.

Proposed law retains present law but adds an exemption for providers operating for the sole purpose of furnishing substance abuse or mental health services to courts certified by the La. Supreme Court as specialty courts.

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

(Adds R.S. 40:2154(18))