

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law provides that its purpose is to increase awareness of and access to smoking cessation programs and services available in Louisiana.

New law recognizes the Smoking Cessation Trust as the organization of that name which incorporated in Louisiana pursuant to the judgment rendered in *Scott v. American Tobacco Co., Inc.* for the purpose of operating the smoking cessation program called for in that judgment.

New law requires the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) to establish and maintain on its website a link to the website of the Smoking Cessation Trust, along with summary information on programs and services offered by the trust. Provides that DHH may feature the link to the website and information on programs and services of the trust on any web page it maintains for any program or office, if the link and information are posted in a conspicuous location.

New law authorizes the secretary of DHH to coordinate, to the extent he deems practical and appropriate, the programs of the office of public health, the Medicaid coordinated care network program (known commonly as "Bayou Health"), and any other program of the department with programs offered by the Smoking Cessation Trust.

New law requires the secretary of DHH, on or before January 1 annually, to engage with the executive director of the Smoking Cessation Trust to evaluate means and best practices for promoting smoking cessation, and to identify opportunities for increasing access to smoking cessation programs and services available in this state.

New law terminates on January 1, 2022.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 5, 2015).

(Adds R.S. 40:1300.431-1300.435)