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DIGEST

SB 131 Engrossed

2016 Regular Session

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Proposed law provides that a patient getting prescription drugs from a pharmacist shall have the opportunity to pay the copay for their health plan or a lower amount for the same prescription drug if the pharmacist is aware of a lower amount. Proposed law makes any contracts with provisions contrary to proposed law void and unenforceable.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Adds R.S. 22:1060.6)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Clarified that the intended discussion between the pharmacist and patient was to identify the lower of the cost of the patient's health plan copay or another cost that may be available and allow the patient to pay the lesser amount for the same prescription drug and that any contract provision between a health plan and a pharmacy to the contrary would be void and unenforceable.