
SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2022 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Engrossed House Bill No. 673 by Representative Jordan

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 3, after "(25)" insert "and (F) and R.S. 42:17.2"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 5, after "changes;" insert "to provide for meetings of the advisory council
5 conducted by electronic means;"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 1, line 8, after "(25)" insert "and (F)"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 4

9 On page 2, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

10 "F. The advisory council may conduct and its members may attend
11 and participate in a meeting via electronic means in accordance with R.S.
12 42:17.2.

13 Section 2. R.S. 42:17.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

14 §17.2 Exception for meetings of the pharmacy benefit manager monitoring
15 advisory council

16 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter to the
17 contrary, the pharmacy benefit manager monitoring advisory council, as
18 provided for in R.S. 40:2869, may conduct and its members may attend and
19 participate in a meeting via electronic means provided that the Louisiana
20 Board of Pharmacy, the Department of Insurance, and the advisory council
21 and its presiding officer comply with all the requirements of this Section.

22 B. No later than twenty-four hours prior to a meeting conducted
23 pursuant to the provisions of this Section, the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy,
24 the Department of Insurance, and the advisory council shall provide for all
25 the following:

26 (1) The notice and agenda for the meeting, which shall be posted on
27 the website of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy and the Department of
28 Insurance, emailed to any member of the public or the news media who
29 requests notice of meetings of the public body, and widely distributed to
30 every known news media outlet that broadcasts or publishes news within the
31 geographic area within the jurisdiction of the public body.

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33 (2) Detailed information regarding how members of the public may
34 participate in the meeting and submit comments regarding matters on the
35 agenda, which information shall be posted on the website of the Louisiana
36 Board of Pharmacy and the Department of Insurance, emailed to any member
37 of the public or the news media who requests notice of meetings of the public
38 body, and widely distributed to every known news media outlet that
39 broadcasts or publishes news within the geographic area within the
40 jurisdiction of the public body.

1 C. For each meeting conducted pursuant to this Section, the
2 following requirements shall apply:

3 (1) The advisory council shall provide a mechanism to receive public
4 comment electronically both prior to and during the meeting.

5 (2) The advisory council shall properly identify and acknowledge all
6 public comments during the meeting and shall maintain those comments in
7 its record of the meeting.

8 (3) The presiding officer of the advisory council shall ensure both of
9 the following:

10 (a) That each person participating in the meeting is properly
11 identified.

12 (b) That all parts of the meeting, excluding any matter discussed in
13 executive session, are clear and audible to all participants in the meeting
14 including the public.

15 D. For the purposes of this Section, the following definitions apply:

16 (1) "Meeting via electronic means" shall mean a meeting occurring
17 via teleconference or video conference.

18 (2) "Teleconference" shall mean a method of communication which
19 enables persons in different locations to participate in a meeting and to hear
20 and otherwise communicate with each other.

21 (3) "Video conference" shall mean a method of communication
22 which enables persons in different locations to participate in a meeting and
23 to see, hear, and otherwise communicate with each other."

24 AMENDMENT NO. 5

25 On page 2, line 13, change "Section 2." to "Section 3."