

**ACT No. 387**

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 260

BY REPRESENTATIVES ALFRED WILLIAMS, BARROW, WESLEY BISHOP, BOUIE, BURRELL, COX, GAINES, HALL, HONORE, HUNTER, TERRY LANDRY, MACK, NORTON, PRICE, SMITH, THIERRY, PATRICK WILLIAMS, WILLMOTT, AND WOODRUFF

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:1299.4.3 and 2018.3(D)(5) and (6), relative to health services for persons  
3 with sickle cell disease; to establish a sickle cell patient navigator program and  
4 provide for functions of the program; to provide for administration of the program  
5 by the Department of Health and Hospitals under the direction of the Louisiana  
6 Sickle Cell Commission; to provide for program implementation contingent upon  
7 appropriation of funds; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 40:1299.4.3 and 2018.3(D)(5) and (6) are hereby enacted to read as  
10 follows:

11 §1299.4.3. Sickle cell patient navigator program

12 A. The legislature hereby finds and declares the following:

13 (1) A large percentage of persons suffering from sickle cell disease in this  
14 state are not in specialty care, even though the health consequences of going without  
15 such care may be fatal.

16 (2) Insufficient access to specialty care is a major barrier to overall health  
17 care for persons suffering from sickle cell disease.

18 (3) The purpose of this Section is to provide for a program to increase  
19 statewide access to the types of specialty care that are critical to the health and well-  
20 being of sickle cell patients.



1           Section 2. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby authorized to redesignate the  
2           number of any Section of statute enacted by this Act in a manner that comports with the  
3           technical recodification provisions of House Concurrent Resolution No. 84 of this 2015  
4           Regular Session of the Legislature.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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