ENROLLED

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 198

BY REPRESENTATIVE SIMON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:2631 and 2635(A), relative to the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund; to provide for the purposes of the fund; to provide for the distribution of funding; to ensure that the fund is used as a funding source of last resort; to specify that Medicare and Medicaid sources shall be expended before using monies in the fund; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 46:2631 and 2635(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2631. Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to provide for the development of a rehabilitation program for persons disabled by traumatic head and spinal cord injuries through the establishment of a trust fund in the state treasury to be funded by additional fees imposed on motor vehicle violations in this state for the offenses of driving under the influence, reckless operation, and speeding. The purpose of the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund is to provide Louisiana citizens who survive traumatic head or spinal cord injuries a source of funds for services enabling them <u>with assistance</u> to return to a reasonable level of functioning and independent living in their communities.

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§2635. Expenditures

A. Except as provided in R.S. 46:2633(D)(2), money in the trust fund shall be distributed for the sole purpose of funding the cost of care or supportive services for traumatic head and spinal cord injury, including the administrative costs attributable to services provided by the trust fund program. The fund shall be considered as a source of last resort after ~~private and governmental~~ Medicare and Medicaid sources have been expended for Louisiana citizens.

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

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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

APPROVED: _____

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