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HOUSE BILL NO. 397

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact the heading of Part XIV of Chapter 11 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and to enact R.S. 40:2200.7.1 and 2200.7.2, relative to Alzheimer's disease and other dementia diseases; to provide for education concerning and awareness of such diseases; to provide for the early detection of such diseases; to provide for the promulgation of rules by the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide for the designation and organization of certain laws by the Louisiana State Law Institute; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The heading of Part XIV of Chapter 11 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:2200.7.1 and 2200.7.2 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

PART XIV. ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND DEMENTIA TRAINING

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§2200.7.1. Legislative intent

A. The legislature hereby finds and declares that:

(1) It is the intent of the legislature that existing health programs and services educate healthcare professionals on the importance of early detection and timely diagnosis of cognitive impairment and dementia.

(2) It is in the public interest to provide information to increase understanding and awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other dementia diseases.

1 (3) It is the public policy of this state that healthcare providers in Louisiana
2 have access to guidance and education outreach programs regarding Alzheimer's
3 disease and other dementia diseases.

4 §2200.7.2. Alzheimer's and other dementia diseases training; rulemaking

5 A. The Louisiana Department of Health may in its existing public health
6 programs and services educate healthcare providers on all of the following:

7 (1) The importance of effective care planning, including treatment options,
8 support and services, long-term care options, advanced directives, and care at every
9 stage of Alzheimer's disease and other dementia diseases to include appropriate
10 counseling.

11 (2) The use of validated cognitive assessment tools.

12 B. The office of public health within the Louisiana Department of Health
13 may include provisions in its public health outreach programs that, at a minimum,
14 address the following:

15 (1) Increasing the awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other dementia
16 diseases including any link to chronic disease, such as vascular risk factors.

17 (2) Advising the public of the value of early detection of Alzheimer's disease
18 and other dementia diseases along with information on the early signs of the
19 diseases.

20 (3) Educating the public on the importance of identifying and reporting signs
21 of Alzheimer's disease and other dementia diseases to healthcare providers for timely
22 diagnosis.

23 (4) Increasing the data and surveillance applicable to Alzheimer's disease
24 and other dementia diseases and encouraging additional data analysis and accurate
25 reporting on death certificates.

26 C. The Louisiana Department of Health shall consult with the Louisiana
27 chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and other experts, advocates, or associations
28 to facilitate the distribution of educational materials that address Alzheimer's disease
29 and other dementia diseases.

1 D. The Louisiana Department of Health may promulgate rules and
 2 regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act as are necessary to
 3 implement this Subpart. The rules and regulations may include but not be limited to
 4 the type of cognitive assessment tools available to healthcare providers. The
 5 department shall consult with and seek input from the Louisiana chapter of the
 6 Alzheimer's Association and other experts, advocates, or associations in the
 7 promulgation of the rules and regulations.

8 Section 2. (A) The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby directed to designate R.S.
 9 40:2200.1 through 2200.5 as Subpart A of Part XIV of Chapter 11 of Title 40 of the
 10 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and is further directed to apply to the Subpart the
 11 heading "Dementia Training".

12 (B) The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby directed to designate R.S.
 13 40:2200.7.1 and 2200.7.2, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, as Subpart B of Part XIV of
 14 Chapter 11 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and is further directed to
 15 apply to the Subpart the heading "Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Diseases".

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____