## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Establishes a program to encourage and assist the public to quit smoking.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that individuals may receive any of the smoking cessation benefits for a three month period with all costs paid by private insurance, or Medicaid, if applicable. Smoking cessation benefits include but are not limited to nicotine patches, nicotine lozenges, and prescription drugs.

<u>Proposed law</u> directs the La. Department of Health to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to enforce the provisions of this Section and to promote the availability of the smoking cessation benefits.

Proposed law provides for definitions.

(Adds R.S. 40:1295)