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## DIGEST

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HB 602 Engrossed

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Davis

**Abstract:** Allows certain qualified entities to stock emergency medications.

Proposed law defines "life-saving medications", "qualified entity", and "trained personnel".

Proposed law allows a licensed healthcare professional authorized to prescribe life-saving medications maintained in the name of a qualified entity for use.

Proposed law allows a licensed pharmacist and physician to dispense life-saving medications in accordance with a prescription issued pursuant to proposed law.

Proposed law allows a qualified entity to maintain a stock supply of life-saving medications in accordance with a prescription issued pursuant to proposed law.

Proposed law allows a qualified entity to authorize trained personnel to administer life-saving medications to an individual on the qualified entity's premises or during a qualified entity-affiliated activity with whom the trained personnel believes in good faith is experiencing a medical emergency. Proposed law further allows such training to be performed by a medical emergency training organization, a registered nurse, or a licensed physician.

Proposed law requires a standing protocol for a licensed healthcare professional authorized to dispense or prescribe the necessary medication, regardless of whether the individual has a prescription for a life-saving medication.

Proposed law allows the qualified entity to enter into arrangements with manufacturers of life-saving medications or third-party suppliers of life-saving medications to obtain life-saving medications at fair-market, free, or reduced prices.

Proposed law exempts the following persons and entities from being liable for damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly arises from an act or omission associated with the administration or self-administration of a life-saving medication, unless such act or omission was the result of willful or wanton misconduct:

- (1) A qualified entity.
- (2) A qualified entity's employee, agent, or volunteer.

- (3) A licensed healthcare professional authorized to prescribe or dispense life-saving medications.
- (4) A training organization and its personnel.

Proposed law authorizes the secretary of the La. Dept. of Health to issue a standing order for the prescription of life-saving medications on a state-wide basis under certain conditions that he determines to be in the best interest of the people in this state.

(Adds R.S. 40:1142)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Change reference from "child daycare center" to "licensed early learning center".
2. Allow training to be performed by a medical emergency training organization, a registered nurse, or a licensed physician.
3. Make technical corrections.