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ACT No. 388

HOUSE BILL NO. 622

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1076.1, relative to treatments for rare cancers; to create an advisory board within the Department of Insurance; to require the advisory board to review and provide medical recommendations to approve new treatments for rare cancers; to provide for the board's composition; to require reporting; to authorize rulemaking; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 22:1076.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1076.1. Advisory board; composition; recommendations for treatment of rare cancers; meetings; rulemaking

A. There is hereby created within the department an advisory board that shall review and provide medical recommendations to approve new treatments for rare cancers. The advisory board shall be composed of the following members:

(1) The commissioner or his designee.

(2) The secretary or designee of the Louisiana Department of Health.

(3) The Medicaid Director or designee of the Louisiana Department of Health.

(4) The surgeon general or his designee.

(5) The executive director or designee of Taking Aim at Cancer in Louisiana.

(6) The chief executive officer of the Louisiana Association of Health Plans.

1 (7) The chief medical officer or designee of a managed care organization.

2 (8) The director or designee of the Louisiana Tumor Registry.

3 (9) The director or designee of the Pennington Biomedical Research Center.

4 (10) A designee of the Louisiana Cancer Research Center.

5 (11) A designee of the LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans,
6 specializing in oncology.

7 (12) A designee of the Tulane Medical School, specializing in oncology.

8 (13) A designee of the Xavier Ochsner College of Medicine.

9 (14) Two oncologists specializing in the treatments of rare cancers.

10 B.(1) The chairperson of the advisory board shall be the executive director
11 or designee of the Louisiana Cancer Research Center.

12 (2) The advisory board shall hold quarterly public meetings unless otherwise
13 provided by vote of the advisory board or by order of the chairperson. Within thirty
14 days of each meeting, the advisory board shall compile a report of its findings and
15 submit a formal written report to the legislature.

16 C. The commissioner may promulgate and adopt administrative rules and
17 regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act as are necessary to
18 implement the provisions of this Section.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____