
DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HB 291 Original

2026 Regular Session

Berault

Abstract: Prohibits a health insurance issuer from reducing payments, suspending, or terminating provider agreements with a participating licensed health care facility solely on the basis that another provider engaged in the patient's care as a nonparticipating provider.

Present law sets requirements for the payment of provider claims and prohibits contractual waivers of present law. Present law provides that violations constitute unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the business of insurance.

Proposed law prohibits a health insurance issuer from reducing payments to a participating licensed healthcare facility or from suspending or terminating a provider agreement with the facility solely because another healthcare provider involved in the patient's care is a nonparticipating provider.

Proposed law retains present law prohibiting any contractual provision that waives the statutory requirements governing provider claim payments.

Proposed law retains present law that violations constitute unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the business of insurance.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 22:1828(D) and (E); Adds R.S. 22:1828(F))