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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Echols to Engrossed House Bill No. 1217 by Representative Echols

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 2, line 23, change "ASO" to "Administrative services only"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 4, delete lines 4 and 5 in their entirety and insert the following:

5 "A. If a violation of this Subpart occurs, the attorney general shall impose
6 a civil penalty of one million dollars per violation. A violation shall constitute an
7 unfair or deceptive act or"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 3

9 On page 4, delete lines 15 through 19 in their entirety and insert the following:

10 "A. There is hereby established in the state treasury, as a special fund, the
11 Pharmacy Benefit Enforcement Fund hereafter referred to in this Section as the
12 "fund".

13 B. After allocation of monies to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as
14 provided in Article VII, Section (9)(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the treasurer
15 shall deposit into the fund monies transferred, appropriated, or dedicated to the fund.
16 Monies in the fund shall be appropriated by the legislature to support all of the
17 following:

18 (1) Create a publicly accessible transparency portal to publish aggregated
19 pharmacy benefit manager data derived from reporting provided for in this Subpart.

20 (2) Establish a restitution mechanism for plan sponsors, patients, or
21 pharmacies harmed by unlawful pharmacy benefit manager practices.

22 (3) Provide grants or stabilization payments to independent and rural
23 pharmacies disproportionately impacted by reimbursement practices identified
24 through enforcement actions.

25 (4) Fund consumer assistance programs to help individuals navigate
26 pharmacy benefits, file complaints, and recover improperly charged costs.

27 (5) Reduce the cost of prescription drugs of Louisiana residents.

28 C. Monies in the fund shall be invested in the same manner as monies in the
29 state general fund. Interest earned on investment of monies in the fund shall be
30 credited to the fund. Unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end
31 of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund.

32 AMENDMENT NO. 4

33 On page 4, line 24, change "Part" to "Subpart"