

SENATE BILL NO. 169

BY SENATOR TALBOT AND REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1028.5(D) and to enact R.S. 22:1028.5(F), relative to
3 biomarker testing; to prevent coverage from being nullified through lab
4 classification; to provide for construction of laws; to provide for an effective date;
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 22:1028.5(D) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 22:1028.5(F)
8 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1028.5. Required coverage for biomarker testing

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11 D.(1) A health coverage plan shall ensure that the coverage prescribed in
12 Subsection B of this Section is provided in a manner that limits disruptions in care,
13 including the need for multiple biopsies or biospecimen samples.

14 **(2) Coverage required under Subsection B of this Section shall apply to**
15 **the covered biomarker test itself and shall not be conditioned on laboratory**
16 **classifications or credentialing standards unrelated to the performance of the**
17 **covered test.**

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19 **F. To the extent there is a conflict between the provisions of this Section**
20 **and R.S. 22:1028.3, the provisions of this Section shall prevail.**

1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
5 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____