

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 291

BY REPRESENTATIVE BERAULT

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1828(D) and (E) and to enact R.S. 22:1828(F), relative to
3 health insurance; to provide for the payment of claims; to prohibit adverse actions
4 by insurers; to provide for exemptions; to provide for an effective date; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 22:1828(D) and (E) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
8 22:1828(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1828. Provider claim payment and information protection

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11 D. A health insurance issuer shall not impose any monetary reductions in the
12 payment of claims, or suspend or terminate a provider agreement, with respect to any
13 licensed healthcare facility that is a participating provider based solely on the
14 network or participating status of another healthcare provider that contributes to any
15 component of care to a patient at the licensed healthcare facility. The provisions of
16 this Subsection shall not apply to the Office of Group Benefits.

17 ~~D. E.~~ E. The provisions of this Section shall not be waived by contract, and any
18 contractual clause in conflict with the provisions of this Section or that purport to
19 waive the requirements of this Section is void.

20 ~~E. F.~~ F. Any violation of the provisions of this Section shall be declared and
21 considered to be unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or
22 practices in the business of insurance and subject to the provisions of Part IV of
23 Chapter 7 of this Title.

24 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
25 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
26 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
2 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____