

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: _____