

# ACT No. 558

HOUSE BILL NO. 609

BY REPRESENTATIVES CHASSION, ADAMS, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYD, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, CREWS, ECHOLS, GREEN, HILFERTY, HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MARTINEZ, MILLER, MOORE, MURRAY, NEWELL, OWEN, PHELPS, SAWYER, SCHLEGEL, TAYLOR, WALTERS, WILEY, AND WYBLE

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:1165.1(D), relative to healthcare information records; to provide for the  
3 exemption of fees for medical records when requested for disability benefits  
4 administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the Louisiana  
5 Department of Veterans Affairs; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:1165.1(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1165.1. Healthcare information; records

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10 D.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, no  
11 healthcare provider, healthcare facility, or custodian of healthcare information shall  
12 charge any fee for the preparation, reproduction, handling, or transmission of  
13 medical records when such records are requested by or on behalf of a veteran for the  
14 sole purpose of submitting a claim for disability benefits administered by the United  
15 States Department of Veterans Affairs or the Louisiana Department of Veterans  
16 Affairs.

17 (2) For purposes of this Subsection, "veteran" has the same meaning as  
18 provided in R.S. 13:5364.

19 (3) The exemption provided in this Subsection shall apply only once per  
20 veteran and shall not apply to any subsequent request for medical records regardless  
21 of purpose.

1                   (4) A healthcare provider or custodian may require reasonable documentation  
2                   establishing veteran status and that the request is made in connection with a  
3                   disability benefits claim prior to applying the exemption.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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