

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 131

BY SENATOR JOHNS

HEALTH CARE. Provides for alternative options to prescription drugs. (8/1/16)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 37:1165, relative to the practice of pharmacy; to provide for pharmacist
3 communication with patients; to provide for immunity; to provide for an effective
4 date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:1165 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§1165. Affordable alternative options to prescription drugs**

8 **A. Pharmacists shall provide sufficient information to a patient to allow**
9 **them an opportunity to consider all relevant options when acquiring their**
10 **prescription medication, including but not limited to the cost and clinical**
11 **efficacy of a more affordable alternative if one is available.**

12 **B. The failure to comply with this Section shall not constitute a violation**
13 **of any contract or provision of any agreement to which the pharmacist or**
14 **pharmacy is a party.**

15 **C. No pharmacist shall be penalized by the board or any third party for**
16 **failure to comply with the provisions of this Section.**

17 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on August 1, 2016; if vetoed by the

