

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 250

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ZERINGUE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2156(B)(introductory paragraph) and (6) and to enact R.S.  
3 40:2153(15) and 2159.1, relative to behavioral health services providers; to provide  
4 relative to licensure and regulation of such providers by the Louisiana Department  
5 of Health; to establish requirements for residential facilities licensed as behavioral  
6 health services providers which provide treatment for opioid use disorder; to prohibit  
7 certain actions against behavioral health services provider licenses prior to a specific  
8 date; to require the Louisiana Department of Health to furnish technical assistance  
9 to certain providers relative to opioid use disorder treatment; to require certain  
10 providers to submit reports to the Louisiana Department of Health concerning such  
11 treatment; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide  
12 for related matters.

13 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

14 Section 1. R.S. 40:2156(B)(introductory paragraph) and (6) are hereby amended and  
15 reenacted and R.S. 40:2153(15) and 2159.1 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

16 §2153. Definitions

17 For the purposes of this Part, and subject to the provisions of R.S. 40:2154,  
18 unless the context otherwise clearly indicates, the following terms shall have the  
19 following meanings:

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21 (15) "FDA" means the Food and Drug Administration of the United States  
22 Department of Health and Human Services.

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1            disorder shall submit to the department on its initial licensing application or its  
 2            annual licensing renewal application an attestation as to whether it is complying with  
 3            the requirements of Subsection A of this Section. The requirement for submission  
 4            of the attestation shall commence on January 1, 2021. If the licensed facility is not  
 5            fully complying with the requirements of Subsection A of this Section, then the  
 6            attestation that the facility submits shall include a report addressing its progress  
 7            toward satisfying those requirements.

8            Section 2.(A) The Louisiana Department of Health shall not take any action to  
 9            enforce the requirements of R.S. 40:2159.1(B), as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, prior to  
 10           January 1, 2021.

11           (B) The Louisiana Department of Health shall not take any action against the license  
 12           of a behavioral health services provider which holds a license on the effective date of this  
 13           Act for failure to comply with the requirements of R.S. 40:2159.1(A), as enacted by Section  
 14           1 of this Act, prior to January 1, 2021.

15           Section 3. This Act shall become effective January 1, 2020.

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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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