

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 39

BY SENATOR BARROW

STATE AGENCIES. Requests the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy to study and make recommendations relative to pharmacists' testing, screening, and treatment of certain health conditions.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy to study and make recommendations
3 relative to pharmacists' testing, screening, and treatment of certain health conditions.

4 WHEREAS, pharmacists are highly educated health care professionals who provide
5 convenient, high-quality health care services, including medication management therapy,
6 immunizations, long-acting injectable medications, disease management, point-of-care
7 testing, and patient assessments and screenings to a great number of patients; and

8 WHEREAS, Louisiana pharmacists work in partnership with other health care
9 entities and providers to improve patient outcomes and public health in this state; and

10 WHEREAS, Louisiana law provides for collaborative drug therapy management, the
11 practice in which a pharmacist voluntarily agrees with a physician to manage the
12 disease-specific drug therapy of one or more patients of the physician, within a
13 predetermined range of medication selected by the physician and set forth in patient-specific
14 written orders; and

15 WHEREAS, drug therapy management involves monitoring and modifying a
16 disease-specific drug therapy; collecting and reviewing patient history; obtaining and
17 reviewing vital signs; ordering, evaluating, and applying the results of laboratory tests
18 directly related to the disease-specific drug therapy being managed under an order; and

1 providing disease- or condition-specific patient education and counseling; and

2 WHEREAS, due to poor health outcomes and extensive health professional shortage
3 areas, Louisiana has an especially pronounced statewide need for an expansion of access to
4 health care.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
6 does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy to study and make
7 recommendations relative to pharmacists' testing, screening, and treatment of certain health
8 conditions, including but not limited to:

9 (1) An update on the status of the collaborative drug therapy management program
10 in Louisiana.

11 (2) A determination of the desirability and feasibility of a written statewide protocol
12 for pharmacists to test or screen for and initiate treatment or therapy for qualified health
13 conditions.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy shall submit
15 a written report of its findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation if
16 necessary, to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare no later than March 1, 2021.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in complying with this Resolution, the Louisiana
18 Board of Pharmacy may consult with the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
20 executive director of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Brandi Cannon.

DIGEST

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