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**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2022 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Engrossed House Bill No. 673 by Representative Jordan

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 3, after "(25)" insert "and (F) and R.S. 42:17.2"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 5, after "changes;" insert "to provide for meetings of the advisory council  
5 conducted by electronic means;"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 1, line 8, after "(25)" insert "and (F)"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 4

9 On page 2, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

10 "F. The advisory council may conduct and its members may attend  
11 and participate in a meeting via electronic means in accordance with R.S.  
12 42:17.2.

13 Section 2. R.S. 42:17.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

14 §17.2 Exception for meetings of the pharmacy benefit manager monitoring  
15 advisory council

16 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter to the  
17 contrary, the pharmacy benefit manager monitoring advisory council, as  
18 provided for in R.S. 40:2869, may conduct and its members may attend and  
19 participate in a meeting via electronic means provided that the Louisiana  
20 Board of Pharmacy, the Department of Insurance, and the advisory council  
21 and its presiding officer comply with all the requirements of this Section.

22 B. No later than twenty-four hours prior to a meeting conducted  
23 pursuant to the provisions of this Section, the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy,  
24 the Department of Insurance, and the advisory council shall provide for all  
25 the following:

26 (1) The notice and agenda for the meeting, which shall be posted on  
27 the website of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy and the Department of  
28 Insurance, emailed to any member of the public or the news media who  
29 requests notice of meetings of the public body, and widely distributed to  
30 every known news media outlet that broadcasts or publishes news within the  
31 geographic area within the jurisdiction of the public body.

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33 (2) Detailed information regarding how members of the public may  
34 participate in the meeting and submit comments regarding matters on the  
35 agenda, which information shall be posted on the website of the Louisiana  
36 Board of Pharmacy and the Department of Insurance, emailed to any member  
37 of the public or the news media who requests notice of meetings of the public  
38 body, and widely distributed to every known news media outlet that  
39 broadcasts or publishes news within the geographic area within the  
40 jurisdiction of the public body.

1           C. For each meeting conducted pursuant to this Section, the  
2 following requirements shall apply:

3           (1) The advisory council shall provide a mechanism to receive public  
4 comment electronically both prior to and during the meeting.

5           (2) The advisory council shall properly identify and acknowledge all  
6 public comments during the meeting and shall maintain those comments in  
7 its record of the meeting.

8           (3) The presiding officer of the advisory council shall ensure both of  
9 the following:

10           (a) That each person participating in the meeting is properly  
11 identified.

12           (b) That all parts of the meeting, excluding any matter discussed in  
13 executive session, are clear and audible to all participants in the meeting  
14 including the public.

15           D. For the purposes of this Section, the following definitions apply:

16           (1) "Meeting via electronic means" shall mean a meeting occurring  
17 via teleconference or video conference.

18           (2) "Teleconference" shall mean a method of communication which  
19 enables persons in different locations to participate in a meeting and to hear  
20 and otherwise communicate with each other.

21           (3) "Video conference" shall mean a method of communication  
22 which enables persons in different locations to participate in a meeting and  
23 to see, hear, and otherwise communicate with each other."

24 AMENDMENT NO. 5

25 On page 2, line 13, change "Section 2." to "Section 3."