HOUSE BILL NO. 497



BY REPRESENTATIVES TURNER, ROBBY CARTER, AND COX

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1250, relative to regulation of pharmacists and pharmacies
3	by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy; to provide relative to facilities which engage
4	solely in the distribution of drugs or other products necessary for home kidney
5	dialysis for patients with end-stage renal disease; to exempt such facilities from the
6	provisions of the Louisiana Pharmacy Practice Act; and to provide for related
7	matters.
8	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
9	Section 1. R.S. 37:1250 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
10	§1250. Exceptions
11	\underline{A} . Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to prevent or restrict the
12	practice of nursing by a licensed registered nurse or an advanced practice registered
13	nurse in accordance with R.S. 37:911 et seq., R.S. 37:1031 through 1034, or any
14	other laws, rules, or regulations governing the practice of nursing in the state of
15	Louisiana.
16	B. Nothing in this Chapter shall apply to a facility which engages solely in
17	the distribution of dialysate, drugs, or devices necessary to perform home kidney
18	dialysis to patients with end-stage renal disease if all of the following criteria are
19	met:
20	(1) The dialysate, drugs, or devices are approved or cleared by the United
21	States Food and Drug Administration as required by federal law.

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1	(2) The dialysate, drugs, or devices are lawfully held by a manufacturer or
2	manufacturer's agent that is properly registered with the board as a distributor of
3	legend drugs or legend devices.
4	(3) The dialysate, drugs, or devices are held and delivered in their original,
5	sealed packaging from the manufacturing facility.
6	(4) The dialysate, drugs, or devices are delivered only by the manufacturer
7	or the manufacturer's agent and only upon receipt of a physician's order.
8	(5) The manufacturer or manufacturer's agent delivers the dialysate, drugs,
9	or devices directly to any of the following parties:
10	(a) A patient with end-stage renal disease, or his designee, for self-
11	administration of the dialysis therapy by the patient.
12	(b) A healthcare provider or institution for administration or delivery of the
13	dialysis therapy to a patient with end-stage renal disease.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____