

SENATE BILL NO. 19

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 37:1218.3, relative to the dispensing of ivermectin; to provide for a standing
3 order for the dispensing of ivermectin; to provide for pharmacist authorization; to
4 provide for rulemaking; to provide for immunity; to provide for an effective date;
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 37:1218.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§1218.3. Authorization to dispense ivermectin**

9 **A. A pharmacist may dispense ivermectin to any person who is eighteen**
10 **years of age or older pursuant to a standing order issued by a healthcare**
11 **professional with prescriptive authority in the Louisiana Department of Health.**

12 **B.(1) The Louisiana Department of Health shall adopt rules to establish**
13 **standard procedures for the dispensing of ivermectin including but not limited**
14 **to any of the following:**

15 **(a) Providing the patient with a screening risk assessment tool.**

16 **(b) Providing the patient with information on the indications and**
17 **contraindications for the use of ivermectin, the appropriate method for using**
18 **ivermectin, the importance of medical follow-up, and any other information**
19 **considered appropriate by the department.**

20 **(2) The rules may include prohibitions on dispensing ivermectin that**
21 **contains any ingredients determined by the department to be harmful.**

22 **C. In addition to the ingredient cost and dispensing fee associated with**
23 **dispensing ivermectin, a pharmacy may charge an administrative fee for the**
24 **services provided pursuant to Paragraph (B)(1) of this Section.**

1 **D. A pharmacist acting in good faith and with reasonable care pursuant**
 2 **to this Section is immune from disciplinary or adverse administrative actions**
 3 **from the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy and is immune from civil liability in the**
 4 **absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct.**

5 **E. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to require a health**
 6 **insurance issuer to provide coverage for the cost of ivermectin dispensed**
 7 **pursuant to the provisions of this Section.**

8 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 9 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 10 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 11 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 12 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____