

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator Connick to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 500 by Senator Connick

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 15 through 17 and insert the following:

"(ii) If the claimant elects to file a certificate of merit pursuant to this Subsection, the certificate of merit shall be executed in the form of an affidavit by a licensed, board certified physician of the same medical specialty as any physician named in the suit, declaring under oath one of the following:"

(aa) The affiant physician has reviewed the facts of the case as an expert regarding the standard of care and negligence pertaining to the subject matter and medical specialty relevant to the particular medical malpractice claim being brought and that, on the basis of such review or consultation, a reasonable, good faith basis for the commencement of such action exists.

(bb) A physician licensed and board certified of the same medical specialty as the physician named in the suit has reviewed the available medical records pertinent to the alleged medical malpractice and has concluded that the acts or omissions of the defendant did not meet the medical standard of care applicable to the facts of the claim and caused or contributed to the claimant's injuries or death.

(iii) As to any institution named in the claimant's petition against which liability is alleged, other than vicarious liability for individuals for whom it may be responsible, the certification shall be made by an expert who is qualified pursuant to the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure and the Louisiana Code of Evidence to give expert testimony regarding the standard of care and negligence pertaining to the subject matter relevant to the particular institution against whom the claim is being brought and that on the basis of such review a reasonable, good faith basis for the commencement of such action exists.

(iv) If the provisions of Subparagraph (ii) or (iii) of this Paragraph are not met by the claimant, the matter shall be dismissed, without prejudice, at the claimant's cost, as to any healthcare provider against whom such certifications were not made."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, delete lines 1 through 15

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 16, change "**(iii)**" to "**(v)**"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 22, change "**(iv)**" to "**(vi)**"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 26, change "**(v)**" to "**(vii)**"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3 after line 3, insert asterisks

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