

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1155

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBBY CARTER

HEALTH CARE/PROVIDERS: Provides for the use of nitrous oxide by physicians during medical procedures

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 37:1274.2, relative to physicians; to provide for the use of nitrous oxide in
3 certain circumstances; to provide for guidance established by the Louisiana State
4 Board of Medical Examiners; to provide for rules; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:1274.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §1274.2. Nitrous oxide; analgesic

8 A. A physician licensed by the board may use nitrous oxide as an analgesic
9 during minor office surgeries and similar procedures in accordance with guidance
10 and rules as provided by the board.

11 B. The board shall develop guidelines for the safe and effective use of
12 nitrous oxide by physicians and shall not prohibit the use of nitrous oxide in
13 connection with minor office surgeries and similar procedures.

DIGEST

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HB 1155 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides for the use of nitrous oxide by a physician.

Proposed law authorizes a physician licensed by the La. State Board of Medical Examiners (board) to use nitrous oxide as an analgesic during minor office surgeries and similar procedures in accordance with board guidance and rules.

Proposed law requires the board to develop guidelines for the safe and effective use of nitrous oxide by a physician.

Proposed law prohibits the board from banning the use of nitrous oxide in connection with minor office surgeries and similar procedures.

(Adds R.S. 37:1274.2)