The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Greg Waddell.

DIGEST

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that on and after January 1, 2012, every licensed hospital in the state of Louisiana shall, prior to discharge, provide parents of newborns educational information provided by DHH on the Pertussis disease and the availability of a vaccine to protect against contracting the disease. Such information shall include, but not be limited to, information on the CDC's recommendation that parents receive the appropriate vaccination during the postpartum period to help protect their newborns from the transmission of Pertussis.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires DHH to develop and disseminate to every hospital in the state information consistent with the provisions of <u>proposed law</u>.

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