

SENATE BILL NO. 26

BY SENATOR NEVERS

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

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 37:1291.1, relative to out-of-state physician orders; to provide for an out-of-
3 state physician to order diagnostic tests under certain conditions; to provide for
4 definitions; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:1291.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§1291.1. Out-of-state physician orders**

8 **A. The board may adopt rules, in accordance with the Administrative**
9 **Procedure Act, exempting application of this Part to an out-of-state physician**
10 **who orders routine diagnostic testing for an established patient, provided the**
11 **physician-patient relationship was initiated through an in-person, face-to -face**
12 **visit with the physician in another state, the order can be verified, and the**
13 **results of all testing are provided directly to the ordering out-of-state physician.**
14 **A health care facility or provider that is presented such an order may choose**
15 **not to recognize such an order.**

16 **B. For the purposes of this Section, "out-of-state physician" means a**
17 **physician who is duly licensed to practice medicine in any state or jurisdiction**
18 **in the United States other than Louisiana.**

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____