

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

House Bill No. 687 by Representative Greene

HEALTH CARE/RECORDS: Provides with respect to health care records

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Deletes provision allowing notice of a violation of provisions governing retrieval and reproduction of medical records to be sent via email address or facsimile.
2. Changes time in which a violation can be corrected with no civil penalty assessed from three days to 15 days.
3. Changes the civil penalty from \$1,000 to \$500 for each violation, plus attorney fees and costs at the court's discretion.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law provides procedures for obtaining medical records. Provides a graduated cost scale per page of medical records requested and a separate cost for digital format.

Proposed law retains present law. Requires written notice of a violation of present law to be provided to the provider of medical records via the contact information provided by the health care provider or its agent, or if no contact information is provided then to the custodian of medical records of the health care provider. Further assesses a civil penalty of \$500 per violation plus attorney fees and costs at the court's discretion if the provider fails to comply within 15 days.

(Adds R.S. 40:1299.96(A)(2)(b)(iii))