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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Arnold to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 239 by Senator Murray

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 3, after "through" change "1299.39.7" to "1299.39.8"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 9, after "consent;" insert "to require certain information be disclosed to
5 patients when obtaining informed consent;"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 2, line 5, after "through" change "1299.39.7" to "1299.39.8"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 4

9 On page 17, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

10 "§1299.39.8. Requirement to provide certain information

11 A. No healthcare provider, while providing direct patient care, shall present
12 himself, whether orally or in writing, to a patient using the title of "Doctor" or the
13 abbreviation of "Dr." as a prefix to his name without using a suffix to denote either
14 the type of professional license held by the healthcare provider or the degree to
15 which he is entitled by reason of his diploma of graduation from a school or other
16 entity, professional or otherwise.

17 B. Any healthcare provider who uses the title of "Doctor" or the abbreviation
18 of "Dr." in any manner inconsistent with the provisions of this Section may be
19 sanctioned in accordance with rules promulgated by the licensing board for that
20 provider's profession or occupation.

21 C. No violation of a provision of this Section shall constitute false
22 personation as established by R.S. 14:112.

23 D. For the purposes of this Section, "healthcare provider" shall mean a
24 person, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation licensed or certified in
25 this state to provide healthcare or professional services as a registered or licensed
26 practical nurse, certified registered nurse anesthetist, nurse midwife, licensed
27 midwife, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, occupational therapist, physical
28 therapist, certified athletic trainer, or physician assistant.

29 E. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to a physician as defined by
30 Medicare pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395x(r)."