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DIGEST

Thompson (SB 187)

<u>Present law</u> provides for an exception as dispenser to a veterinarian who dispenses negligible amounts of controlled substances or drugs of concern as identified by rule.

<u>Proposed law</u> amends <u>present law</u> to remove the dispenser exception for a veterinarian who dispenses negligible amounts of controlled substances or drugs of concern as identified by rule.

Proposed law provides a veterinarian exception to the Prescription Monitoring Program.

<u>Present law</u> includes the president of the Louisiana State Board of Veterinary Medicine and the president of the Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association as members of the Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Council.

Proposed law removes them from the council.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy to levy and collect an annual fee from veterinarians with the authority to prescribe or dispense controlled dangerous substances. <u>Proposed law</u> removes this authority.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 40:1013(C); adds R.S. 40:1004(C); repeals R.S. 40:1003(6)(e) and 1005(A)(5) and (26))