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Lopinto HB No. 331

Abstract: Authorizes licensed practical nurses to withdraw blood and administer chemical tests to determine the alcohol content or presence of certain substances in a person's blood.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the following persons to withdraw blood and administer chemical tests to determine the blood alcohol content or the presence of abused or illegal substances: physicians, physician assistants, registered nurses, emergency medical technicians, chemists, nurse practitioners, or other qualified technicians.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and authorizes licensed practical nurses to withdraw blood and administer such tests.

(Amends R.S. 32:664(A) and (B) and 666(A)(1)(a)(i))