

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 401

BY SENATOR MILLS

PHARMACISTS. Provides for third party contracts with pharmacies. (8/1/14)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 22:1857.1, relative to pharmacies; to provide with respect to third party
3 contracts with pharmacies; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 22:1857.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

6 **§1857.1. Third party contracts with pharmacies**

7 **A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, all third party**
8 **contracts with independent pharmacies shall be valid only upon receipt of the**
9 **contract and each contractual term by the participating pharmacy.**

10 **B. An organization that represents an independent pharmacy or a group**
11 **of independent pharmacies shall provide to each pharmacy it represents a copy**
12 **of any new contract, provider agreement, amendment to such contract or**
13 **agreement, or other provider documentation concerning the pharmacy's**
14 **network participation with a third party payor.**

The original instrument was prepared by Cheryl Horne. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

DIGEST

Mills (SB 401)

Proposed law provides for third party contracts with independent pharmacies shall be valid only upon receipt of the contract and each contractual term by the participating pharmacy.

Requires any organization that represents independent pharmacies to provide a copy of the contract to each pharmacy it represents and any additional documentation relevant to the pharmacy's network participation with a third party payor.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 22:1857.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Deletes the provision that valid contracts require submission of written approval of each contractual term by the pharmacy within 15 business days of receipt of the contract and provides for validity upon receipt of the contract and each contractual term by each participating pharmacy.

Senate Floor Amendments to reengrossed bill

1. Adds requirement that any organization that represents independent pharmacies shall provide a copy of the contract to each pharmacy it represents and any additional documentation relevant to the pharmacy's network participation with a third party payor.