

Existing law 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.

New law retains existing law and authorizes licensed practical nurses to withdraw blood and administer such tests.

New law provides that licensed practical nurses shall only withdraw blood as authorized by new law pursuant to a subpoena or court order.

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