

**ACT No. 338**

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 498

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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1300.111 and 1300.113(A)(introductory paragraph), (1), and  
3 (9), and to repeal R.S. 40:1300.113(B), relative to public information concerning  
4 prices and quality of health services; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for  
5 duties of the Department of Health and Hospitals relative to collecting and reporting  
6 of healthcare data; to require promulgation of rules; and to provide for related  
7 matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 40:1300.111 and 1300.113(A)(introductory paragraph), (1), and (9)  
10 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

11 §1300.111. Findings; legislative intent

12 A. The legislature hereby finds all of the following:

13 (1) As a result of rising ~~health-care~~ healthcare costs, the shortage of health  
14 professionals and ~~health-care~~ healthcare services in many areas of the state, and the  
15 concerns expressed by consumers, ~~health-care~~ healthcare providers, third-party  
16 payers, and others involved with making informed decisions regarding ~~health-care~~  
17 healthcare services, treatment, and coverage, there is a need to have access to  
18 provider specific ~~health-care~~ healthcare cost, quality, and outcome data on ~~health~~  
19 ~~care~~ healthcare facilities, ~~health-care~~ healthcare providers, and health plans as well  
20 as continued access to global patterns and trends in the availability, use, and charges  
21 for ~~health-care~~ healthcare services and the associated health circumstances.

22 (2) Due to the rapidly expanding availability of and access to patient  
23 sensitive ~~health-care~~ healthcare data, it is necessary to establish safeguards which  
24 ensure the level of protection of patient encounter data that Louisiana citizens



