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BULLETIN No. 24-02

To: All pharmacies, pharmacists, interns, technicians, and technician candidates

From: Joe Fontenot, Executive Director

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Re: New Laws from 2024 Regular Session of Louisiana Legislature

During their 2024 Regular Session, the Louisiana Legislature passed new laws which will impact the practice of pharmacy or board operations. Most of the new laws will take effect on August 1, but there are some exceptions. A brief summary, with links, is presented here:

[Act 110](#) [effective 08-01-2024] updated the state list of controlled substances to include federal scheduling actions since the previous legislative session. Several substances were added to schedule I and zuranolone was added to schedule IV.

[Act 143](#) [effective 08-01-2024] adds tianeptine to schedule I of the State's Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law.

[Act 205](#) [effective 08-01-2024] authorizes the transfer of a prescription or prescription information for controlled substances between pharmacies in conformance with [21 CFR Part 1306](#).

[Act 246](#) [effective 10-01-2024] - refer to [Bulletin No. 24-01](#) for details.

[Act 378](#) [effective 08-01-2024] amended state education law relative to the administration of medication at schools. Among other effects, it authorizes licensed healthcare professionals with prescriptive authority to prescribe life-saving medications in the name of the school and authorizes pharmacists to dispense such prescriptions. The Louisiana Department of Education is tasked with developing a list of life-saving medications. It also provides for related matters.

[Act 624](#) [effective 08-01-2024] amended public health and safety law related to healthcare workplace violence prevention by clarifying that a healthcare entity is not considered a regulated entity as used in this subpart of law, if it employs 5 or fewer licensed medical providers, such as a physician, pharmacist, advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant, or dentist.

[Act 657](#) [effective 08-01-2024] creates a new section in public health and safety law authorizing qualified entities to stock emergency medications. Among other effects, it authorizes licensed healthcare professionals who are authorized to prescribe life-saving medications to issue such prescriptions in the name of the qualified entity and authorizes pharmacists to dispense such prescriptions. The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) is tasked with promulgating rules to implement the provisions of this new section of law. It also provides for related matters.

[Act 693](#) [effective 01-01-2025] transfers the Board of Pharmacy's regulatory authority for therapeutic marijuana to the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH). Marijuana pharmacy permits will be transitioned to marijuana retail permits under the authority of LDH. It also provides for related matters.

[Act 711](#) [effective 08-01-2024] creates a new section in pharmacy law authorizing a pharmacist to dispense up to a thirty-day supply of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) pre-exposure prophylaxis and a twenty-eight-day course of HIV post-exposure prophylaxis to any person age 17 or older in the absence of a prescription drug order pursuant to rules promulgated by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH). It also authorizes a pharmacist to perform a rapid HIV test or order laboratory testing for HIV infection for any person age 17 or older pursuant to rules promulgated by the department. LDH is required to promulgate rules by March 2025 to implement the provisions of this new law. It also provides for related matters.

Other Acts of Interest:

[Act 76](#) [effective 07-01-2024] adds drugs prescribed for certain ocular conditions to the listing of prescription drugs exempt from local sales and use taxes.

[Act 150](#) [effective 05-22-2024] amended public health and safety law relative to marijuana for therapeutic use.

[Act 320](#) [effective 08-01-2024] amended public welfare and assistance law relative to coverage for nonopioid and opioid prescription drugs by Medicaid managed care organizations.

[Act 453](#) [effective 08-01-2024] amended insurance law relative to step therapy and fail first protocols.

[Act 514](#) [effective 08-01-2024] amended insurance law relative to pharmacy record audits.

[Act 658](#) [effective 08-01-2024] amended insurance law relative to claims of pharmacies and pharmacists.

[Act 752](#) [effective – see Act] amended agriculture and forestry law relative to consumable hemp products.

[Act 768](#) [effective – see Act] amended insurance law relative to reimbursement by pharmacy benefit managers.