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BULLETIN No. 25-02

To: All Pharmacies, Pharmacists, Pharmacy Interns, Pharmacy Technicians, and Pharmacy Technician Candidates

From: Joe Fontenot, Executive Director

Date: July 18, 2025

Re: Legislative Update: 2025 Regular Session

During its 2025 Regular Session, the Louisiana Legislature enacted new laws that will affect pharmacy practice and Board operations. While most of these laws take effect on August 1, 2025, a few have earlier effective dates. A brief summary of selected Acts is provided below, with links to the full text:

[Act 121](#), effective August 1, 2025, updates the state's controlled substance schedules to align with recent federal scheduling actions taken since the last legislative session. Three substances were added to Schedule I—two opiates and one stimulant.

[Act 159](#), effective August 1, 2025, establishes provisions for the retention, archiving, and destruction of certain information within the state's Prescription Monitoring Program.

[Act 464](#), effective June 20, 2025, authorizes pharmacists to dispense ivermectin to individuals aged 18 and older under a standing order issued by a Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) healthcare professional with prescriptive authority. LDH must first adopt rules outlining the procedures for dispensing ivermectin.

Other Acts of Interest:

[Act 41](#), effective August 1, 2025, defines "Kratom" and classifies 7-hydroxymitragynine and mitragynine as Schedule I controlled substances in Louisiana. The Act also adds *Mitragyna speciosa* to the state's list of prohibited plants.

[Act 396](#), effective June 20, 2025, directs the State Surgeon General to develop rules for the administration of medical activities under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for all members of the healthcare community in Louisiana. These rules will not override federal regulations but will provide state-specific guidance to promote uniformity and safety in administration.

[Act 474](#), effective June 20, 2025, introduces several key reforms regulating the practices of pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) in Louisiana.