

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 241

2018 Regular Session

Morrell

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

PHARMACEUTICALS. Provides for pharmacist communication with patients. (8/1/18)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Changes "null and void" to "void" as to contract provisions contrary to proposed law.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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Present law provides for licensure of pharmacy benefit managers by the commissioner of insurance. Proposed law prohibits pharmacy benefit managers licensed in Louisiana from imposing "gag orders" by contract on pharmacies or pharmacists which prevent them from informing the patient of cheaper alternatives when filling their prescription drug. Proposed law prohibits these provisions in contracts and retroactively makes void any provisions in place on August 1, 2018.

Proposed law authorizes pharmacists to inform patients that a cheaper alternative may be available, including cash payment if a cash payment is cheaper than the patient's insurance copayment or deductible amount. Proposed law provides immunity for a pharmacist who does not provide the information to a patient.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 22:1657; adds R.S. 37:1219)

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