2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 175

BY REPRESENTATIVE LANDRY

PUBLIC SFTY/CORRECTIONS: Provides relative to copayments made by inmates upon receiving medical or dental treatment

1	AN ACT						
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 15:831(B)(2) and to repeal R.S. 15:874(4)(d), relative to medical						
3	care of inmates; to provide relative to copayments made by inmates upon receiving						
4	medical or dental treatment; to provide relative to an inmate's compensation account;						
5	and to provide for related matters.						
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:						
7	Section 1. R.S. 15:831(B)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:						
8	§831. Medical care of inmates; testing						
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12	(2) In addition, the secretary shall adopt rules requiring that copayments be						
13	made by inmates upon receiving medical or dental treatment, which may include a						
14	sliding scale based on the inmates' ability to pay. These rules and regulations shall						
15	include but not be limited to guidelines for payments for inmate visits to doctors,						
16	hospitals, psychiatrists, and dentists, and for receipt of prescription or						
17	nonprescription drugs. The secretary shall also establish written guidelines for						
18	collection of copayments from an inmate's drawing account or savings account						
19	pursuant to R.S. 15:874. The provisions of this Paragraph shall apply to medical or						
20	dental treatment received at a public hospital operated by the Louisiana State						

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3 <u>medical or dental treatment</u>.

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Section 2. R.S. 15:874(4)(d) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that inmates shall not be required to make a copayment upon receiving medical or dental treatment.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 15:831(B)(2)) requires the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to adopt rules providing that copayments shall be made by inmates upon receiving medical or dental treatment, which may include a sliding scale based on the inmate's ability to pay.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that no inmate shall be required to make a copayment upon receiving medical or dental treatment.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 15:874(4)(d)) relative to an inmate's compensation account, provides that funds credited to the inmate's drawing or savings account may be withdrawn to satisfy any medical or dental copayment in accordance with <u>present law</u> (R.S. 15:831(B)(2)).

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 15:831(B)(2); Repeals R.S. 15:874(4)(d))