

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 512

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

HEALTH/LDH: Repeals the Louisiana Parkinson's Disease Registry

1 AN ACT

2 To repeal Part VIII of Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
3 comprised of R.S. 40:31.61 through 31.68, to repeal provisions related to the
4 Louisiana Parkinson's Disease Registry; to provide for an effective date; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Part VIII of Chapter 1 of Title 40 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
8 comprised of R.S. 40:31.61 through 31.68, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

9 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
10 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
11 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
12 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
13 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Repeals the Parkinson's Disease Registry.

Present law requires the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to establish a Parkinson's Disease Registry (registry) to conduct an epidemiological study of the incidence of Parkinson's disease in the state to determine, in part, if there exists a connection between environmental and chemical exposure and the development of Parkinson's disease. Healthcare providers

and professionals throughout the state are required to report incidences of Parkinson's disease to LDH.

Present law states that the registry shall be under the charge of the director who may enter into contracts and accept grant money on behalf of the state. The director is charged with preparing reports and performing studies to identify Parkinson's disease hazards and mitigating or preventative measures. Additionally, the director is tasked with establishing regional reporting centers.

Present law provides that the collection of patient data is confidential to the extent that it may only be disclosed for the purpose of scientific study. LDH is tasked with developing a procedure for maintaining patient confidentiality.

Present law states that the registry shall operate only to the extent that funds are made available. LDH may promulgate rules and regulations to facilitate the operation of the registry.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Repeals R.S. 40:31.61-31.68)