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HOUSE BILL NO. 610

BY REPRESENTATIVE KATZ

PUBLIC RECORDS: Extends public records exemption to all practitioners licensed by the La. State Board of Medical Examiners

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4(7), relative to the Louisiana State Board of Medical
3 Examiners; to provide for an exemption from public records requirements for those
4 health professions regulated by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners; to
5 provide that public records law does not apply to certain documents concerning the
6 fitness of health professionals to hold licenses, permits, certificates, or registration;
7 and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 44:4(7) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §4. Applicability

11 This Chapter shall not apply:

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13 (7) To any records, writings, accounts, letters, letter books, data, e-mails,
14 photographs, or copies or memoranda thereof, and any report or reports concerning
15 the fitness of any person to receive, or continue to hold, a license, permit, certificate,
16 or registration to practice medicine or ~~midwifery~~ any other health care profession
17 regulated by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, in the custody or
18 control of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Expands the public records exemption to apply to data and emails and to cover all health care professions that are regulated by the La. State Board of Medical Examiners.

Present law provides that public records law does not apply to any records, writings, accounts, letters, letter books, photographs, copies, memoranda, and any report or reports concerning the fitness of any person to receive, or continue to hold, a license to practice medicine or midwifery in the custody or control of the La. State Board of Medical Examiners.

Proposed law retains present law and adds email and data to the type of documents that are not public records for these purposes. Proposed law also adds that this public records exemption extends to any health profession that is regulated by the La. State Board of Medical Examiners.

(Amends R.S. 44:4(7))