

SENATE BILL NO. 148

BY SENATORS MIZELL, BARROW, CARTER, DUPLESSIS, EDMONDS, FIELDS, HENRY AND PRICE AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BUTLER, CARPENTER, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, COATES, COX, EGAN, FIRMENT, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, HILFERTY, MIKE JOHNSON, KNOX, LAFLEUR, MCKIN, MYERS, SELDERS, TAYLOR, WALTERS AND WILDER

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 22:1053(C)(6), relative to postpartum depression; to provide for the
3 application of step therapy and fail first protocols to drugs prescribed for postpartum
4 depression; to provide for the override of restrictions in certain circumstances; and
5 to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 22:1053(C)(6) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1053. Requirement for coverage of step therapy or fail first protocols

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10 C. When medications for the treatment of any medical condition are restricted
11 for use by any health coverage plan through a step therapy or fail first protocol, the
12 prescribing practitioner shall have access to a clear and convenient process to
13 expeditiously request an override of the restriction. The override process shall be
14 made easily accessible on the health coverage plan's website. An override of the
15 restriction shall be expeditiously granted by the health coverage plan if the
16 prescribing practitioner, using sound clinical evidence, can demonstrate any of the
17 following:

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19 **(6) The required prescription drug for postpartum depression under the**
20 **step therapy or fail first protocol is not indicated by the United States Food and**

1 Drug Administration for postpartum depression on the prescription drug's
 2 approved labeling.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____