

SENATE BILL NO. 158

BY SENATOR HEITMEIER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:1299.48(D), relative to reporting of paid malpractice claims; to provide for
3 annual reporting to legislative committees; to provide for an effective date; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:1299.48(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §1299.48. Reporting of claims

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9 **D.(1) The executive director of the Patient's Compensation Fund shall**
10 **submit a report on an annual basis to the Senate and House committees on**
11 **health and welfare no later than January thirty-first. The report shall contain**
12 **every claim against an individual practitioner who has had five or more paid**
13 **claims for the previous year paid by the Patient's Compensation Fund and shall**
14 **contain the following information:**

15 **(a) All paid claims for the previous year and the year immediately**
16 **preceding that year, as well as the total number of pending claims filed against**
17 **that individual practitioner.**

18 **(b) The name and address of the individual practitioner and a brief**
19 **description of the acts of omission or commission which gave rise to the paid**
20 **claims.**

21 **(2) For the purposes of this Subsection, "individual practitioner" means**
22 **any individual person licensed or certified by this state to provide health care**
23 **or professional services who is listed in R.S. 40:1299.41(A)(10).**

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____