

SENATE BILL NO. 327

BY SENATOR BROOME AND REPRESENTATIVES BARROW, COX AND
WILLMOTT

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:2023, relative to the availability of vaccines for the elderly; to provide for
3 availability of certain immunizations for elderly inpatients; to provide for the
4 payment of such immunizations; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:2023 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§2023. Availability of immunizations recommended by the Centers for Disease**

8 **Control and Prevention**

9 **Beginning October 1, 2012, and each year thereafter, each general**
10 **hospital licensed under this Chapter shall, during the period from October first**
11 **through March first of the following calendar year, in accordance with the latest**
12 **recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for**
13 **the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, offer the following**
14 **immunizations to all inpatients sixty-five years of age and older, prior to**
15 **discharge, unless contraindicated for a patient and contingent upon the**
16 **availability of a specific payment in addition to the normal or prevailing level**
17 **of payment, that is at least equal to the product costs and the administrative**
18 **costs for the immunization over and above the reimbursement for in-patient**
19 **care and contingent upon the availability of the vaccine:**

20 **(1) Immunization against influenza.**

1 (2) Immunization against pneumococcal diseases if ordered by the
2 patient's attending physician.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____