

2015 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 170

BY SENATOR DORSEY-COLOMB

HEALTH/HOSPITALS DEPT. Requests the Department of Health and Hospitals to review and update Titles 46 and 48 of the Louisiana Administrative Code to coincide with federal law relative to dietitian nutritionists.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals to review Title 46  
3 and Title 48 of the Louisiana Administrative Code, relative to professional and  
4 occupational standards and to public health, respectively, in order to ensure that these  
5 titles are consistent with applicable federal rules with respect to dietitian  
6 nutritionists.

7 WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) is empowered to  
8 promulgate rules and regulations relative to public health pursuant to the Administrative  
9 Procedure Act; and

10 WHEREAS, DHH publishes these promulgated rules through the Department of  
11 Administration, office of the state register; and

12 WHEREAS, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published a  
13 final rule on May 7, 2014, granting ordering privileges to registered dietitian nutritionists,  
14 with respect to patient diets, independent of other medical professionals; and

15 WHEREAS, these privileges include ordering patient diets and may include the  
16 ability to order laboratory tests to monitor the effectiveness of the diets; and

17 WHEREAS, the new rule by CMS states that hospitals shall have the authority to  
18 determine who within their facility will be privileged to order diets independently; and

