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HOUSE BILL NO. 250

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1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2156(B)(introductory paragraph) and (6) and to enact R.S.
3	40:2153(15) and 2159.1, relative to behavioral health services providers; to provide
4	relative to licensure and regulation of such providers by the Louisiana Department
5	of Health; to establish requirements for residential facilities licensed as behavioral
6	health services providers which provide treatment for opioid use disorder; to prohibit
7	certain actions against behavioral health services provider licenses prior to a specific
8	date; to require the Louisiana Department of Health to furnish technical assistance
9	to certain providers relative to opioid use disorder treatment; to require certain
10	providers to submit reports to the Louisiana Department of Health concerning such
11	treatment; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide
12	for related matters.
13	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
14	Section 1. R.S. 40:2156(B)(introductory paragraph) and (6) are hereby amended and
15	reenacted and R.S. 40:2153(15) and 2159.1 are hereby enacted to read as follows:
16	§2153. Definitions
17	For the purposes of this Part, and subject to the provisions of R.S. 40:2154,
18	unless the context otherwise clearly indicates, the following terms shall have the
19	following meanings:
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21	(15) "FDA" means the Food and Drug Administration of the United States
22	Department of Health and Human Services.
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1	§2156. Rules and regulations; licensing standards; fees
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3	B. The department shall prescribe, promulgate, and publish rules,
4	regulations, and licensing standards for behavioral health services providers. The
5	rules, regulations, and licensing standards shall include but are not limited to the
6	following:
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8	(6) Treatment priorities, as well as residential and outpatient criteria, and
9	residential treatment program requirements including, without limitation, those
10	provided in R.S. 40:2159.1.
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12	§2159.1. Residential substance use disorder facilities
13	A.(1) Each residential substance use disorder facility licensed pursuant to
14	this Part as a behavioral health services provider that provides treatment for opioid
15	use disorder shall provide all of the following:
16	(a) Onsite access to at least one form of FDA-approved opioid antagonist
17	<u>treatment.</u>
18	(b) Onsite access to at least one form of FDA-approved partial opioid agonist
19	treatment.
20	(2) For purposes of this Section, "onsite access" shall mean delivery of the
21	treatment to the patient at the location of the residential substance use disorder
22	facility. "Onsite access" shall not mean that the residential substance use disorder
23	facility is required to maintain stock of the medication-assisted treatment at the
24	facility.
25	(3) A residential substance use disorder facility shall not be found to be in
26	violation of this Section if prior authorization from a patient's health insurer,
27	including a Medicaid program, is required and the preapproval request is denied by
28	the patient's health insurer.
29	B. Each residential substance use disorder facility licensed pursuant to this
30	Part as a behavioral health services provider which provides treatment for opioid use

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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