

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 312

BY REPRESENTATIVES OWEN, EDMONSTON, AND AMEDEE

DRUGS: Provides relative to the over-the-counter sale and purchase of the drug ivermectin without a prescription

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Part XI of Chapter 4 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be
3 comprised of R.S. 40:1051 through 1053, relative to the over-the-counter sale and
4 purchase of the drug ivermectin; to provide for the sale and purchase of ivermectin
5 without a prescription; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Part XI of Chapter 4 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
8 comprised of R.S. 40:1051 through 1053, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 PART XI. IVERMECTIN ACCESS LAW

10 §1051. Short title

11 This Part shall be known and may be cited as the "Ivermectin Access Law".

12 §1052. Definitions

13 As used in this Part, the following terms have the following meanings:

14 (1) "Healthcare professional" is any person who is licensed in accordance
15 with the provisions of R.S. 37:1751.

16 (2) "Ivermectin" is a Food and Drug Administration-approved antiparasitic
17 drug used to treat several untreated tropical diseases and infections caused by some
18 parasitic worms and head lice and skin conditions like rosacea.

19 (3) "Over-the-counter medication" means medication that may be legally
20 sold and purchased without a prescription.

- 1 §1053. Over-the-counter distribution; ivermectin
- 2 A. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, ivermectin suitable for
- 3 human use may be sold or purchased as an over-the-counter medication in this state.
- 4 B. The sale or purchase as provided for in Subsection A of this Section shall
- 5 not require a prescription from any healthcare professional.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the over-the-counter sale and purchase of ivermectin without a prescription from any healthcare professional.

Proposed law shall be known and may be cited as the "Ivermectin Access Law".

Proposed law defines "ivermectin" as a Food and Drug Administration-approved antiparasitic drug used to treat several untreated tropical diseases and infections caused by some parasitic worms and head lice and skin conditions like rosacea. Proposed law also defines "over-the-counter medication" as medication that may be legally sold and purchased without a prescription.

Proposed law defines "healthcare professional" in accordance with the provisions of present law.

Proposed law permits the sale and purchase of ivermectin suitable for human use as an over-the-counter medication. Proposed law further provides that such sale or purchase shall not require a prescription from any healthcare professional.

(Adds R.S. 40:1051-1053)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Specify the citation of present law for the definition of healthcare professional.