

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 582

BY REPRESENTATIVE BALDONE

HEALTH CARE/FACILITIES: Provides exceptions to the requirement for state agencies to purchase prostheses, orthoses, and related services only from an accredited facility

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 39:1659 and 40:1300.281(F), relative to prosthetic and orthotic
3 services; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 39:1659 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §1659. Purchase of prostheses, orthoses, prosthetic services, and orthotic services
7 by a state agency from an accredited facility

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, regulations
9 promulgated by the commissioner of administration or other purchasing entity
10 governing the purchase of prostheses, orthoses, prosthetic services, or orthotic
11 services shall require that such services shall only be purchased from an accredited
12 facility as provided in R.S. 40:1300.281. ~~However;~~ however, nothing in this Section
13 shall prohibit a licensed occupational therapist or a licensed physical therapist from
14 practicing within his scope of practice. In addition, the provisions of this Section
15 shall not apply to a licensed optometrist, ~~or ophthalmologist, podiatrist, or~~
16 orthopedist.

1 Section 2. R.S. 40:1300.281(F) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

2 §1300.281. Purchase of prostheses, orthoses, prosthetic services, and orthotic
3 services by a state agency from an accredited facility; Medicaid
4 reimbursement; definitions; penalties

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6 F. Nothing in this Part shall prohibit a licensed occupational therapist or a
7 licensed physical therapist from practicing within his scope of practice. In addition,
8 the provisions of this Part shall not apply to a licensed optometrist, ~~or~~
9 ophthalmologist, podiatrist, or orthopedist.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Excludes podiatrists and orthopedists from certain requirements relative to the state purchase of prostheses, orthoses, and related services from accredited facilities.

Present law provides that licensed optometrists and ophthalmologists are excluded from the requirement that a state agency shall only purchase prostheses, orthoses, prosthetic services, or orthotic services from an accredited facility.

Proposed law retains present law and adds podiatrists and orthopedists to the list of those professionals who are excluded from this requirement.

(Amends R.S. 39:1659 and R.S. 40:1300.281(F))