

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 150

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHRODER

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to create a Medical Vendor Credentialing Task Force to study the current medical vendor credentialing process, to make recommendations for the establishment of a uniform and reciprocal system of vendor credentialing, and to submit a report containing the results of the study and any recommendations to the member representing House of Representatives' District Number 77 and the House and Senate committees on health and welfare no later than February 1, 2011.

WHEREAS, medical vendors play an important role in the delivery of health care in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, while the state has an interest in ensuring that our health care facilities remain secure and infection free, the state also has an interest in ensuring that our medical vendors have access to health care facilities so that they may deliver necessary medical supplies; and

WHEREAS, while vendor credentialing is important, the state must balance safety concerns for hospitals with cost and burden to medical vendors, who currently are subjected to multiple expensive background checks, trainings, and health tests, creating an unnecessary burden on vendors; and

WHEREAS, it would be most fair, efficient, consistent, and cost-effective to create a uniform and reciprocal system of vendor credentialing that serves both the needs of the health facilities and the needs of the medical vendors.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to create the Medical Vendor Credentialing Task Force (hereafter referred to as task force) to undertake all necessary study and analysis and to make recommendations for

the establishment of a uniform and reciprocal medical vendor credentialing system. The recommendations may include but are not limited to the following:

(1) Requirements of the vendor to receive uniform and reciprocal credentialing, such as receipt of appropriate health vaccinations, background screenings, proof of liability insurance, and the completion of training in appropriate health care law and hospital protocol.

(2) Suggestions for the amount of fees appropriate to accomplish uniform and reciprocal credentialing.

(3) Recommendations as to which entity would be responsible for the oversight and implementation of a uniform vendor credentialing system.

(4) Any necessary new statutes or rules that must be promulgated in order to create a new medical vendor credentialing system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be staffed by the Department of Health and Hospitals and shall be composed of seven members appointed by the secretary consisting of representatives from the Department of Health and Hospitals, the Louisiana Hospital Association, the medical vendor industry, and any other persons with an interest in uniform credentialing. In making these appointments, the secretary shall use his best efforts to appoint members who will represent the interested industries equally.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall hold its organizational meeting within sixty days after adjournment sine die of the 2010 Regular Session of the Legislature on the call of the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, and that at such organizational meeting, the task force shall elect a chairman and vice chairman by majority vote and shall adopt any necessary rules for its own procedures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a report containing the study results and any recommendations shall be submitted to the member representing House of Representatives' District Number 77 and the House and Senate committees on health and welfare no later than February 1, 2011.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES