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SENATE BILL NO. 327

BY SENATOR BROOME

HOSPITALS. Provides that hospitals offer certain immunizations to inpatients 65 years of age or older. (8/1/12)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:2023, relative to the availability of vaccines for the elderly; to provide for availability of certain immunizations for elderly inpatients; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:2023 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2023. Availability of immunizations recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Beginning October 1, 2012, and each year thereafter, each general hospital licensed under this Chapter shall, during the period from October 1 through March 1 of the following calendar year, in accordance with the latest recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, offer the following immunizations to all inpatients sixty-five years of age and older, unless contraindicated for a patient and contingent upon the availability of the vaccine:

(1) Immunization against influenza.

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(2) Immunization against pneumococcal diseases.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

DIGEST

Proposed law requires that, beginning October 1, 2012, and each year thereafter, all general hospitals, during the time period from October 1 through the following March 1, offer certain immunizations, as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the CDC, to inpatients aged 65 or older.

Proposed law lists the following immunizations:

- (1) Immunizations for influenza.
- (2) Immunizations for pneumococcal diseases.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Adds R.S. 40:2023)