

**Hospital Sues Feds Over
Validity of State-Issued
Merger Immunity**

**Elevance Health set to acquire
BCBS Louisiana**

**LCMC Health clinches 3-
hospital buy from HCA
Healthcare**

**Warning of New Orleans
hospital duopoly, National**

Nurses United petitions state to block LCMC Health deal

A major hospital merger in New Orleans means big change

SB 209

Authorizes the commissioner of insurance to order certain penalties to persons engaging in an unfair method of competition or an unfair or deceptive act or practice.

SB 385

Restricts non-competition agreements involving physicians. Proposed law prohibits certain employment and other contracts restricting the practice of medicine by a licensed primary care physician unless the primary care physician's contract employment or relationship is terminated for just cause. Proposed law provides that no contract or agreement can restrict

a primary care physician from practicing medicine within a restricted geographic region more than one year from the date of termination.

Proposed law provides that contracts or agreements in violation of proposed law are against public policy and are null, void, and unenforceable.

SB 238

Prohibits contracts that impede an individuals right to work.

Present law prohibits restraint of business and restraint on forum, and provides definitions and exemptions relative to present law.

Proposed law deletes present law in favor of proposed law makes employment contracts or agreements that restrain anyone from exercising a lawful profession, trade, or business of any kind unenforceable.

Proposed law makes employment contracts or agreements that include a choice of form or choice of law clause in any civil or administrative action unenforceable unless the employee expressly, knowingly, and voluntarily agrees to and ratifies the clause after the occurrence of the incident that is the subject of the civil or administrative action.

Proposed law defines “employer”, “employee”, and “protectable interest”.

Proposed law provides that noncompetition agreements between employers and employees are unenforceable unless the employer notifies the employee of the noncompetition agreement at least 2 weeks before the employee begins his employment.

Proposed law defines “protectable interest” and provides

Proposed law provides that a noncompetition agreement that exceeds 12 months from the date of the employee's termination is unenforceable.

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