HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS
2020 Second Extraordinary Session
Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Bill No. 43 by Representative Bacala

AMENDMENT NO. 1

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, line 3, after "nursing home residents" and before the semicolon ";" insert "and hospital patients"

AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 1, line 4, after "nursing homes" and before "may" insert "and hospitals"

AMENDMENT NO. 4
On page 1, line 6, after "nursing home residents" and before "to have" insert "and hospital patients"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

AMENDMENT NO. 6
On page 1, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

"§2005. Hospital visitation

A. Any person eighteen years or older may designate those individuals who will not be denied access to visit him during any stay in any hospital, nursing home, or other healthcare facility within the state of Louisiana.

B. Subject to the restrictions authorized by Subsection D of this Section, each person who is admitted as a patient to a hospital licensed pursuant to this Part shall have the right to be granted immediate access to all of the following persons:

(1) Immediate family members, other relatives of the patient, and the patient's clergy subject to the patient's right to deny or withdraw consent at any time. The hospital shall allow in-person access to the patient by any person identified in this Paragraph if the person or patient chooses to visit in person.

(2) Others who are visiting with the consent of the patient, subject to reasonable restrictions and the patient's right to deny or withdraw consent at any time. The hospital shall allow in-person access to the patient by any person identified in this Paragraph if the person or patient chooses to visit in person.

C. Except as provided in Subsection D of this Section, no provision of the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act (R.S. 29:721 et seq.), the Louisiana Health Emergency Powers Act (R.S. 29:760), or any other law or regulation shall be construed to limit a patient's right to have access to in-person visitation by an immediate family member of the patient, other relative of
the patient, the patient's clergy, or any other person visiting the patient with the resident's consent as established in Subsection B of this Section.

**B. D.** Nothing contained herein in this Section shall prohibit hospitals, nursing homes, or other health care facilities from restricting visits to standard designated hours, from restricting visits as the patient's medical condition may require, or from enforcing an injunction barring an individual from entering the premises.

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