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**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2015 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Original Senate Bill No. 61 by Senator Buffington

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 9, change "**Nothing**" to "**A. Except as provided in Subsection D of this**  
3 **Section, nothing**"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, after line 13, insert:

6 **"B.(1) If a hospital service district determines to lease and operate a**  
7 **nursing home within thirty-five miles of a hospital service district hospital in an**  
8 **adjoining hospital service district, then the hospital service district shall provide**  
9 **sixty days written notice to the governing authority of the parish in which the**  
10 **nursing home is located.**

11 **(2) If the governing authority of the parish does not provide written**  
12 **notice of objection to the hospital service district within the required sixty days,**  
13 **then the hospital service district may lease and operate a licensed nursing home**  
14 **outside the geographic boundaries described in Subsection A of this Section.**

15 **C. If the governing authority in which the nursing home is located**  
16 **objects in writing within the sixty days of providing notice as described in**  
17 **Subsection B of this Section, and after a good faith effort is made to reach an**  
18 **agreement between the governing authority of the parish and the nursing home,**  
19 **and an agreement is not reached, then the hospital service district may lease**  
20 **and operate a nursing home located outside of the boundaries of its hospital**  
21 **service district.**

22 **D. A hospital service district shall not operate a nursing home in any**  
23 **parish having a population of not less than four hundred thirty thousand and**  
24 **not more than four hundred thirty-five thousand according to the latest federal**  
25 **decennial census or in any parish having a population of not less than one**  
26 **hundred ten thousand and not more than one hundred fifteen thousand**  
27 **according to the latest federal decennial census without either being the service**  
28 **district hospital where the nursing home is located or receiving the approval of**  
29 **the hospital service district where the nursing home is located.**"