

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

**SB 115 By Senator Mills**

**KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

HOSPITALS. Provides for immediate suspension of a license for a freestanding inpatient psychiatric hospital. (gov sig)

**SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL**

1. Bureau amendments.

**DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

Proposed law provides for the secretary of DHH authority to immediately suspend the license of a freestanding inpatient psychiatric hospital if the applicant or licensee is in violation of the law or rules and regulations and the secretary determines the violation poses an imminent or immediate threat to the health, welfare, or safety of a client or patient.

Proposed law provides the immediate suspension shall take place five days after receipt of the written notice by the freestanding inpatient psychiatric hospital. Further provides that DHH shall assist the hospital with discharge planning, which shall address transition, relocation, and transportation issues.

Proposed law provides for the notification, appeal, and injunctive relief process for providers who have a license suspended by the secretary.

Proposed law limits the effect of ownership or management prohibition to any owner that had direct knowledge of the practices which led to the immediate suspension or any on-site administrator of the licensee.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 40:2110(D) and (E))

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