
DIGEST

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HB 291 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Requires all nursing homes to maintain in effect emergency preparedness plans and that all such plans shall be approved by the La. Dept. of Health.

Present law requires that nursing homes in the following parishes develop emergency preparedness plans: Acadia, Ascension, Assumption, Calcasieu, Cameron, Iberia, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, and Vermilion.

Present law requires nursing homes in the parishes designated by present law to update their emergency preparedness plans annually and send plan summaries to the La. Dept. of Health (LDH). Present law does not require LDH to approve any such plan or plan summary.

Proposed law revises present law to require instead that each nursing home throughout the state maintain in effect at all times an emergency preparedness plan, and that this plan be approved by LDH.

Present law requires that each nursing home emergency preparedness plan summary submitted to LDH include and identify, at minimum, the following:

- (1) A primary sheltering host site outside the area of risk, verified by written agreements or contracts and any other alternative sheltering host sites that the nursing home may have.
- (2) Proof of transportation or a contract with a transportation company, verified by a written transportation agreement or contract.
- (3) Staffing patterns for evacuation, including contact information for such staff.

Proposed law provides that the minimum content requirements above shall apply to the full emergency preparedness plans of nursing homes.

Proposed law requires nursing homes to review and update their emergency preparedness plans and submit the full versions of such plans to the LDH emergency preparedness manager for approval no later than March 1 annually.

Proposed law retains present law requiring LDH to prescribe criteria for evaluation of all nursing home emergency preparedness plans. Also retains present law creating and providing for the duties

and functions of the Nursing Home Emergency Preparedness Review Committee within LDH and updates the name of an organization represented on the committee.

(Amends R.S. 40:2009.25(A), (B), (C)(intro. para.), (D), (E), (F)(intro. para.), (9), and (12), and (H))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Require nursing homes to review and update their emergency preparedness plans and submit the full versions of the plans to the LDH emergency preparedness manager for approval no later than March 1 annually.