

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides that nursing homes located in the following parishes shall develop an emergency preparedness plan to be submitted to the La. Dept. of Health's emergency preparedness manager: 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.

Prior law provided for the minimum details required in the emergency preparedness plan regarding evacuation of the nursing home.

New law retains prior law and adds a requirement for the emergency preparedness plan to also contain a detailed plan to address emergency power in the event of the loss of primary electrical power in that nursing home if evacuation from the nursing home is not required. Further provides for the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to confirm that the plan contains the minimum required information.

Prior law provided for the duties of the La. Dept. of Health regarding submitted emergency management plans.

New law retains prior law and requires each nursing home's primary sheltering host site and any other alternative sheltering host sites to be inspected and approved by the office of state fire marshal (OSFM). Further provides for LDH to confirm that the OSFM has approved a nursing home's emergency preparedness plan prior to issuing a license or renewing a license for that nursing home.

New law provides that, if the OSFM does not inspect a sheltering host site within 15 business days after LDH receives a nursing home's emergency preparedness plan or summary of an updated plan, the sheltering host site shall be considered conditionally approved until the completion of the federal survey of the nursing home as required by CMS.

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(Amends R.S. 40:2009.25(A), (C)-(E), and (I); adds R.S. 40:1563(N))