

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Bill
No. 619 by Representative Knox

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "homelessness;" insert the following:

"to authorize a local governing authority to allow public camping in designated areas;

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 7, after "conditions;" and before "to direct" insert "to establish an
Encampment Mitigation Reimbursement Fund; and"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 2, after "tent," insert "or other permanent or semi-permanent dwelling
structures,"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 8, delete "registered,"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 9, delete "insured, and"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 14, after "A." insert "(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 15, after "not" and before "authorize" insert "knowingly"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, line 16, after "property," insert "on consecutive nights,"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 2, line 20, change "designated" to "designate"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 3, delete lines 5 through 13 in their entirety, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"(2) The political subdivision shall notify the department within ten days of
designating property for public camping in accordance with procedures established by the
department.

"(3) Prior to clearing any existing encampments, the local governing authority shall
present notice in accordance with applicable local laws surrounding the encampment that
it will be cleared thirty days before clearing."

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 3, delete line 27 in its entirety, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"(2) Within thirty days after designating property for public camping, the"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 4, delete line 6 in its entirety, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"longer satisfied or if the surgeon general determines that there is a public health threat or emergency. A political subdivision shall publish any notice issued by the"

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 4, delete lines 10 and 11 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"A.(1)The following parties may bring a civil action in any court"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 4, line 13, after "Part" change the period "." to a colon ":" and insert the following:

"(a) A resident of the political subdivision residing within one thousand feet of a public encampment not in a designated area as provided by this Part.

(b) An owner of a business located within one thousand feet of a public encampment not in a designated area as provided by this Part.

(c) A nonprofit organization located within one thousand feet of a public encampment not in a designated area as provided by this Part.

(d) The district attorney.

(2) To the extent practicable allowed by law, civil actions brought pursuant to this Part shall be cumulated per site.

(3) If an encampment is cleared within ninety days of a filed civil action and a new encampment is built within three days thereafter, this will constitute a new violation and requires a new complaint to be filed to trigger a new cause of action."

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 4, delete line 14 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"B. If the resident, business owner, nonprofit organization, or district attorney prevails in a civil"

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 4, line 24, delete "with ten business days" and insert "or the state with ninety business days"

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 4, line 26, delete "ten" and insert "ninety"

AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 4, line 28, after "Section shall" and before "apply to" insert "not"

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 5, delete lines 1 through 5 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"§581.4 Encampment Mitigation Reimbursement Fund

A. There is hereby established in the state treasury, as a special fund, the Encampment Mitigation Reimbursement Fund, hereinafter referred to as the "fund".

B.(1) After allocation of money to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided in Article VII, Section (9)(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the treasurer shall deposit into the fund any money transferred or appropriated by the legislature. The treasurer shall also deposit into the fund any grants, donations, gifts, or other monies which may become available.

(2) Monies in the fund shall be invested in the same manner as monies in the state general fund. Interest earned on investment of monies in the fund shall be deposited into the state general fund. Unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund.

C.(1) Subject to appropriation by the legislature to the Louisiana Housing Corporation, monies in the fund shall be used solely for reimbursement grants to a political subdivision or municipality for compliance with the provisions of R.S. 40:581.2.

(2) In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, the Louisiana Housing Corporation shall adopt and promulgate rules necessary for implementation and administration of the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, such rules may be promulgated by emergency rule.

§581.5 Oversight of publicly funded homeless service providers

A. Any continuum of care organization or homeless services provider that receives state or local public funds shall, upon request of the legislative auditor or a municipality providing such funds, submit to a legislative audit pursuant to R.S. 24:513 and provide the requesting municipality with detailed documentation regarding:

(1) Program performance metrics, including housing outcomes and service delivery statistics.

(2) Effectiveness in achieving stated goals and objectives.

(3) A breakdown of the use and allocation of public funds.

B. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Section may result in the suspension or termination of public funding, subject to applicable laws and contract provisions."

AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 5, delete line 7 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"A.(1) The Louisiana Department of Health, in consultation with the office of state fire marshal, may promulgate rules to"

AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 5, line 13, after "conducting" and before "inspections" insert "annual"

AMENDMENT NO. 22

On page 5, line 18, change "seek" to "submit"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 23

2 On page 5, line 20, delete "and suffering" and insert a period "."

3 AMENDMENT NO. 24

4 On page 5, delete line 21 in its entirety

5 AMENDMENT NO. 25

6 On page 5, delete lines 22 through 26 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

7 "Section 2. This Act shall become effective on June 1, 2026. The provisions of this
8 Act shall be inapplicable, inoperative, and of no effect after June 1, 2029."