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HB 541 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Provides for caregiver registries and what actions are required and prohibited by caregiver registries.

<u>Present law</u> defines "department", "financial viability", "home- and community-based service provider", "home- and community-based services", and "infirm elderly".

<u>Proposed law</u> extends the home- and community-based service provider definition by providing that a home- and community-based service provider does not include a caregiver registry which establishes a registry that facilities referrals or matches between individuals seeking caregivers.

<u>Proposed law</u> also adds definitions for "caregiver" and "caregiver registry". <u>Proposed law</u> otherwise retains <u>present law</u>.

Proposed law prohibits a caregiver registry from participating in any of the following:

- (1) Employing, directing, or supervising caregivers.
- (2) Providing clinical oversight of caregivers.
- (3) Dictating any term or condition of a referred or matched caregiver's care relationship with an individual to whom the caregiver is referred or matched.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires a caregiver registry to provide information regarding licensed healthcare providers and facilities through which the caregiver may need to operate to provide care giving services.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires a caregiver registry to conduct a background check on the healthcare providers listed on the registry.

(Adds R.S. 40:2120.2(3)(f), (6), and (7) and 2120.8)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Amend provision of present law that provides what a home- and community-based

service provider does not include.

- 2. Prohibit certain actions that a caregiver registry can participate in.
- 3. Require a caregiver registry to provide certain information in regards to licensed healthcare providers and facilities where the caregiver may provide care giving services.
- 4. Require a caregiver registry to conduct a background check on the healthcare providers listed on the registry.
- 5. Make technical changes.