

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 314

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2109(B)(6), relative to establishing classifications of and
3 standards for hospitals; to remove exemptions for certain hospitals to the requirement
4 of maintaining in-house obstetric anesthesia personnel on a twenty-four-hour basis;
5 to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. 40:2109(B)(6) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §2109. Rules, regulations, and minimum standards

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10 B. The minimum standards adopted by the secretary governing operation and
11 maintenance of hospitals may contain regulations in relation to:

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13 (6) Classification of hospitals and variation of standards so as to ensure
14 realistic, practical, and uniform standards for the hospitals in each classification.
15 ~~However, no rule, regulation, policy, or standard adopted by the secretary shall~~
16 ~~require a hospital located in a parish with a population of two hundred fifty thousand~~
17 ~~people or less to maintain personnel in-house with credentials to administer obstetric~~
18 ~~anesthesia on a twenty-four-hour basis in order to qualify for Medicaid~~
19 ~~reimbursement for Level III, neonatal, or obstetric medical services, or as a~~
20 ~~prerequisite for licensure to provide such services. Personnel with such credentials~~

4 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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