

Turner

## Synopsis of Senate Amendments

- ## Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides that if a parish excludes providers, the definition of institutional provider as used in this present law (R.S. 40:1248.5 and 40:1248.8) shall be read to exclude such excluded providers.

Proposed law adds that, if necessary, the parish shall be required to work with the department to obtain federal approvals to ensure compliance with federal law. Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides that if a parish collects a local hospital assessment then the hospital shall set local hospital assessment payments in amounts that, in the aggregate, will generate sufficient revenue to cover the administrative expenses of the parish for activities as specified in present law and to fund the nonfederal share of a Medicaid payment for the benefit of hospitals in the parish.

Present law provides that the amount of revenue from local hospital assessment payments used for the aforementioned reason may not exceed five percent of the total revenue generated from the local hospital assessment payment or \$20,000, whichever is lower.

Proposed law instead provides that the local assessment payments, including collection services as provided in present law (R.S. 40:1248.9) as amended, shall be \$150,000. Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Present law requires the sheriff of a parish to collect the local hospital assessment payment.

Present law allows the sheriff to charge and deduct from the assessment payment a fee for collecting the payment. Present law further provides that the fee, which shall be in an amount determined by the parish, shall not exceed the usual and customary charges imposed by the sheriff.

Proposed law instead provides that the parish may only collect an assessment payment if the parish uses an appropriate collection entity. Proposed law further provides that if a sheriff serves as the collection entity, the sheriff may charge and deduct from local hospital assessment payments a reasonable and customary fee for collecting those payments.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 40:1248.3, 1248.5(D)(3), 1248.8(B) and (D), and 1248.9)