

2025 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 171

BY SENATOR BARROW

HEALTH CARE. Continues the Task Force on the Regulation of Community-Based Residential Settings.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To continue the Task Force on the Regulation of Community-Based Residential Settings.

3 WHEREAS, in 2018, the Senate formed a task force to study and make
4 recommendations relative to current and proposed regulations of community-based
5 residential settings; and

6 WHEREAS, the Task Force on Prevention of Human Degradation and Exploitation
7 of Vulnerable Individuals in Community-Based Residential Settings was initially created by
8 Senate Resolution No. 23 of the 2018 Second Extraordinary Session, continued and
9 otherwise provided for by Senate Resolution No. 203 of the 2019 Regular Session of the
10 Legislature, recreated by Senate Resolution No. 52 of the 2020 Second Extraordinary
11 Session of the Legislature, and continued by Senate Resolution No. 120 of the 2021 Regular
12 Session, Senate Resolution No. 217 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature, and
13 Senate Resolution No. 149 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature, and continued as
14 the Task Force on the Regulation of Community-Based Residential Settings by Senate
15 Resolution No. 133 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
17 does hereby continue the Task Force on the Regulation of Community-Based Residential
18 Settings to fulfill the mission originally assigned to the Task Force on Prevention of Human

1 Degradation and Exploitation of Vulnerable Individuals in Community-Based Residential
2 Settings.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall meet as often as is necessary
4 to fulfill its mission and to submit a report, including any legislative proposals, to the Senate
5 and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:771 and
6 772, no later than March 1, 2026.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the current members of the task force shall
8 continue their service.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall continue to conduct the study
10 with the same focus as set forth in its original charge and continued in the subsequent Senate
11 Resolutions.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall
13 continue to be responsible for providing staff support to assist the task force in performing
14 its duties.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the task force shall constitute a
16 quorum for the transaction of business. All official actions of the task force shall require the
17 affirmative vote of a majority of the members.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve
19 without compensation, except per diem or expenses reimbursement to which they may be
20 individually entitled as members of their constituent organizations.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall terminate on July 1, 2026.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
23 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, the state health officer, the director of the
24 health standards section within the Louisiana Department of Health, the director of the adult
25 protective services section within the Louisiana Department of Health, the secretary of the
26 Department of Children and Family Services, the attorney general, the state fire marshal, the
27 executive director of the Louisiana Municipal Association, the executive director of the
28 Police Jury Association of Louisiana, the executive director of the Advocacy Center of
29 Louisiana, the executive director of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, the executive
30 director of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association, the president of the Building

1 Officials Association of Louisiana, the executive director of the Apartment Association of
 2 Louisiana, Inc., the executive director of the Louisiana Home Builders Association, the
 3 executive director of the Louisiana Housing Corporation, and the executive director of the
 4 Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center, the president of the Louisiana Hospital
 5 Association, and the executive director of the Voice of the Experienced.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

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Barrow

Continues the Task Force on the Regulation of Community-Based Residential Settings to fulfill its mission.

Retains membership of:

- (1) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, or his designee.
- (2) The state health officer, or his designee.
- (3) The director of the health standards section within the Louisiana Department of Health, or his designee.
- (4) The director of the adult protective services section within the Louisiana Department of Health, or his designee.
- (5) The secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services, or his designee.
- (6) The attorney general, or his designee.
- (7) The state fire marshal, or his designee.
- (8) The executive director of the Louisiana Municipal Association, or his designee.
- (9) The executive director of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, or his designee.
- (10) The executive director of the Advocacy Center of Louisiana, or his designee.
- (11) The executive director of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, or his designee.
- (12) The executive director of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association, or his designee.
- (13) One person appointed by the chairman of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare.
- (14) One person appointed by the chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary C.
- (15) The executive director of the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs, or his designee.
- (16) The president of the Louisiana Hospital Association, or his designee.

(17) The executive director of the Voice of the Experienced, or his designee.

Continues original focus of study which provided for the task force to consider and make recommendations on the following:

- (1) All present federal and state laws, rules, and regulations, as well as local ordinances in existence, to protect vulnerable individuals from degradation and exploitation by certain property owners or landowners.
- (2) Any state laws, rules, and regulations or local ordinances proposed, as necessary, to protect vulnerable individuals from degradation and exploitation by certain property owners or landowners.
- (3) Any proposals for regulation of community-based residential settings in which nonrelated individuals reside in a single dwelling and the rent or fees paid to the property owner or landowner are derived from government-funded assistance, such as social security payments, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food stamps, or other federal or state stipends or subsidies.
- (4) Any civil or criminal penalties to be assessed against a property owner or landowner who manipulates, scams, exploits, or stockpiles individuals in unclean, unsafe, overcrowded, and unhealthy community-based residential settings.
- (5) Any transition or relocation plan for vulnerable individuals who reside in a community-based setting that is deemed unclean, unsafe, overcrowded, and unhealthy.
- (6) Any other recommendation deemed important by the task force to address community-based residential settings.

Requires submission of report, including any legislative proposals, no later than March 1, 2026. Provides for termination of the task force on July 1, 2026.