

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 541

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HEALTH CARE/PROVIDERS: Establishes a registry for individuals and entities that provide caregiving services

DIGEST

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

Proposed law 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 or maintains a registry that facilitates referrals or matches for individuals seeking caregivers and which meets certain requirements.

Proposed law also adds definitions for "caregiver" and "caregiver registry". Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

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.

Proposed law 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.

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

Proposed law prohibits the caregiver registry from referring to a licensed healthcare facility.

(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.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the reengrossed bill

1. Add requirements for a caregiver registry.
2. Expand the definition of "caregiver".
3. Prohibit a caregiver registry from referring, matching, or placing any caregiver to a licensed healthcare facility.