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DIGEST

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Present law requires all adult residential care providers to be licensed by the La. Dept. of Health.

Proposed law requires all licensed adult residential care providers to have a generator or other La. Dept. of Health approved alternative electrical power source.

Proposed law provides capability requirements for the generator or alternative electrical power source.

Proposed law requires the generator or alternative electrical power source to be permanently installed onsite at the facility with fuel either stored onsite at the facility or delivered prior to an emergency event, in an amount sufficient to operate the generator or alternative electrical power source under full load for 72 hours.

Proposed law requires each adult residential care provider to have fuel delivery agreements in place that will extend the uninterrupted operation of the generator or alternative electrical power source under full load to a total period of 168 hours for a single emergency event.

Proposed law authorizes the La. Dept. of Health to grant a waiver to an adult residential care provider facility built or whose construction plans have been approved by the department prior to Aug.1, 2026, and requires any facility with a waiver to annually submit to its parish office of emergency preparedness for review and approval, a plan to provide for the health and safety of the facility's residents in the event of a power loss.

Proposed law requires adult residential care providers to meet the requirements of proposed law no later than Dec. 1, 2027, and authorizes the department to grant providers a one-time extension, not to exceed 12 months.

Proposed law authorizes the La. Dept. of Health to utilize emergency rulemaking to implement the provisions of proposed law.

Proposed law requires the office of the state fire marshal to determine the adult residential care provider's compliance with the generator or alternative power source capability, installation, and fuel requirements as provided in proposed law and report noncompliance to the department.

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

(Adds R.S. 40:2166.11)