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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to hospital service districts.

Proposed law defines "affiliate" as a person or legal entity, whether for-profit or not-for-profit, that is connected to another entity through ownership, control, or a shared relationship.

Proposed law provides that ownership exists when an entity directly or indirectly owns five percent or more of any class of ownership or membership interest in another entity.

Proposed law provides that control exists when one entity directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with another entity through voting interests, contracts, financial relationships, coordinated operations, or other means.

Proposed law defines a shared relationship as any connection that creates meaningful association or influence between entities, including shared leadership, resources, financial relationships, collaborative agreements, familial relationships, or other evidence of significant influence, but clarifies that a mere contractual relationship with a hospital service district does not alone establish a shared relationship.

Proposed law requires that, to qualify as an affiliate, the entity must also be created by or caused to be created by a parish governing authority, hospital service district, the governmental authority that created the hospital service district, or an officer or commissioner of a hospital service district.

Proposed law defines "healthcare facility" as any facility that provides medical, wellness, health, or clinical care, including hospitals and their departments, ambulatory surgical centers, urgent care clinics, diagnostic or testing centers, psychiatric and rehabilitation facilities, skilled nursing and therapy clinics, medical office buildings, wellness centers, primary or specialty care clinics, clinical laboratories, and rural health clinics.

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

(Adds R.S. 46:1069.2 )