

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

BY SENATOR MYERS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To amend the Louisiana Department of Health rule LAC 48:I.9305(N)(2)(b), to provide that hospital architectural plans shall comply with the most recent edition of the Facility Guidelines Institute, Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals and Outpatient Facilities; and to direct the Louisiana Register to print the amendment in the Louisiana Administrative Code.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health recently amended and updated the rules and regulations pertaining to licensure requirements of hospitals in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, one of the changes enacted in the recent update included changing the applicable architectural standards to the 2014 Edition of the Facility Guidelines Institute, Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals and Outpatient Facilities; and

WHEREAS, the department is using guidelines from twelve years ago, while the Facility Guidelines Institute updates its guidelines every four years with a new edition coming out in 2026; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:969 provides that the legislature, by concurrent resolution, may suspend, amend, or repeal any rule adopted by a state department, agency, board, or commission.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby amends the provisions of LAC 48:I.9305(N)(2)(b) to read as follows:

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b. In the event that submitted materials do not appear to satisfactorily comply with the ~~2014 Edition~~ **most current edition** of the Facility Guidelines Institute (FGI), Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals and Outpatient Facilities, as adopted by the OSFM for building design and construction, the OSFM shall notify the party submitting the plans in writing, the particular items in question and request further explanation and/or confirmation of necessary modifications.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the office of the state register, the Louisiana Department of Health, and the office of state fire marshal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Register is hereby directed to have the amendments to LAC 48:I.9305(N)(2)(b) printed and incorporated into the Louisiana Administrative Code and to transmit a copy of the revised rules to the Louisiana Department of Health and the office of state fire marshal.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES