

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law requires licensure by the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to operate or maintain a hospice.

Existing law further requires licensure by LDH to operate as a home- and community-based service provider.

New law provides an exemption from licensure for a nonprofit organization that provides gratuitous end-of-life care to terminally ill patients in a home-like setting if the organization meets certain criteria identified in new law.

New law provides that an exempted organization shall be treated as the patient's place of residence for purposes of home hospice care.

New law provides that any medication prescribed for the patient in accordance with the patient's plan of care shall be delivered, stored, and administered in the same manner as if the patient were in a home setting.

New law provides for the authority of individuals designated by the organization as the patient's caregiver and for healthcare professionals delegating tasks in accordance with the patient's plan of care.

New law provides immunity from disciplinary or adverse actions from a licensing board for any licensed healthcare professional who delegates caregiver tasks in accordance with new law and who is acting in good faith and with reasonable care.

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(Adds R.S. 40:2183.1)