

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides for the regulation of facilities that are not otherwise required to be licensed by the La. Dept. of Health or the Dept. of Children and Family Services, that provide housing or temporary residence for individuals who have been arrested for the commission of a crime, and who are referred by a judicial agency.

Prior law prohibited a facility from providing treatment to an individual and a judicial agency from referring an individual to a facility providing treatment until the La. Dept. of Health has adopted rules and certified that the facility is in compliance with its rules.

New law repeals prior law requirements for La. Dept. of Health approval.

New law prohibits a facility from providing residential substance use treatment to any individual, unless the facility is licensed by the La. Dept. of Health as a behavioral health service provider with the residential substance use treatment module.

New law further prohibits any judicial agency from referring any individual to a facility providing residential substance use treatment until that facility has been surveyed and licensed by the La. Dept. of Health as a behavioral health service provider with the residential substance use treatment module.

New law provides that any complaint regarding a residential facility providing residential substance use treatment without a license may be filed with the licensing section of the La. Dept. of Health for investigation.

New law provides that nothing in new law prohibits a licensed physician, mental health professional, or behavioral health service provider from providing services to persons in their place of residence.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 40:2852(C)(2); adds R.S. 40:2852(C)(3)-(5))