HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Bill No. 43 by Representative Bacala

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

- 2 On page 1, line 6, after "visitors;" and before "and" insert "to provide for exceptions to the
- 3 prohibition;"
- 4 AMENDMENT NO. 2
- 5 On page 2, at the beginning of line 18, change "(2)" to "(2)(a)"
- 6 AMENDMENT NO. 3
- 7 On page 2, line 20, after "any other" and before "law" insert "state"
- 8 AMENDMENT NO. 4

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- 9 On page 2, between lines 24 and 25, insert the following:
- 10 "(b)(i) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph,
 11 a resident's right to visitation established in Subparagraph (A)(2)(b) of this Section
 12 may be limited if one or more of the following conditions is met:
- (aa) The limitation is required by rule, regulation, order, or official guidance
 of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the United States Department
 of Health and Human Services or any other agency of the federal government.
 - (bb) The limitation is provided in an executive order or proclamation of the governor issued during a state of public health emergency declared in accordance with R.S. 29:766. However, if either the House Committee on Health and Welfare or the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare find the limitation unacceptable in accordance with a procedure provided in Item (ii) of this Subparagraph, then the limitation shall be null, void, and without effect.
- (cc) The limitation is provided in an order of the state health officer issued during a state of public health emergency declared in accordance with R.S. 29:766.
 However, if either the House Committee on Health and Welfare or the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare find the limitation unacceptable in accordance with a procedure provided in Item (ii) of this Subparagraph, then the limitation shall be null, void, and without effect.
- 28 (ii) The action by a legislative committee to find unacceptable a limitation
 29 on visitation of nursing home residents, as authorized in this Subparagraph, may be
 30 by favorable vote, viva voce, of a simple majority of the committee's membership at
 31 a meeting of the committee; or by favorable vote of a simple majority of the
 32 committee's membership submitted by mail ballot."