

2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 120

BY SENATOR SELDERS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MENTAL HEALTH. Provides relative to use of emergency certificates for formal voluntary admission. (8/1/25)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 28:53(B)(2)(e), relative to admissions by emergency certificate;  
3 to provide for information included in emergency certificates; and to provide for  
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 28:53(B)(2)(e) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §53. Admission by emergency certificate; extension; payment for services rendered

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9 B.

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11 (2) The certificate shall state:

12 \* \* \*

13 (e) That the person is unwilling or unable to seek voluntary admission or is  
14 willing to seek voluntary admission upon arrival at the treating facility.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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## DIGEST

SB 120 Engrossed

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Present law provides for admission by emergency certificate for individuals in need of immediate care and treatment in a treatment facility by a medical provider that has determined that the individual is dangerous to himself or others or is gravely disabled.

Present law requires the medical provider executing the emergency certificate to attest that the person is unwilling or unable to seek voluntary admission.

Proposed law adds a provision to the certificate that the person is willing to seek voluntary admission upon arrival at the treating facility.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 28:53(B)(2)(e))