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SB 45 Engrossed

2026 Regular Session

Wheat

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

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

Proposed 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 proposed law.

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

Proposed 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.

Proposed 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.

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

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 40:2183.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Provides that the requirement for a nonprofit organization to provide individual private bedrooms for no more than three patients at a time applies to any single location owned or operated by the nonprofit organization.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.