

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 45

2026 Regular Session

Wheat

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

HEALTH SERVICES. Provides relative to hospice care. (gov sig)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Makes technical changes.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

DIGEST

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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)

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