

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 457

2026 Regular Session

Knox

HOMELESS: Establishes minimum housing standards for individuals experiencing homelessness.

DIGEST

Proposed law authorizes the La. Department of Health (LDH), in consultation with the state fire marshal, to establish minimum housing standards for emergency shelters, community facilities, unlicensed group homes, and halfway houses for use by local and parish governing authorities for permitting or approval purposes.

Proposed law requires that minimum housing standards address safety, sanitation, privacy, and habitability.

Proposed law provides that no administrative rule created shall conflict with requirements on facilities imposed by federal law.

Proposed law authorizes the state fire marshal to assist in implementing proposed law by conducting annual inspections of applicable housing facilities to ensure they are safe and sanitary for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Proposed law requires LDH shall examine the feasibility of submitting federal waivers to obtain funding for healthcare and housing services for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Proposed law creates an exception for private residences, churches, and other places of worship when the services provided are charitable in nature and the organization does not charge rent, fees, or require compensation for such services.

(Adds R.S. 40:581)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Make a technical correction.

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the engrossed bill:

1. Authorize rather than require the state fire marshal to assist in the implementation of proposed law.

The House Floor Amendments to the reengrossed bill:

1. Create an exception for private residences, churches, and places of worship when the services are provided at no cost to the recipients.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the re-reengrossed bill

1. Makes changes to the facilities covered by the minimum housing standards and the purpose of the standards.
2. Requires LDH to examine the feasibility of submitting federal waivers.