

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New 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 that receive state or local funds for use by local and parish governing authorities for permitting or approval purposes.

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

New law provides that no administrative rule adopted pursuant to new law shall conflict with requirements imposed on facilities by federal law.

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

New law requires LDH to examine the feasibility of submitting federal waivers to obtain funding for health care and housing services for individuals experiencing homelessness.

New law creates an exception to new law for private residences, churches, charitable substance abuse recovery programs, temporary housing for individuals experiencing a natural disaster, and certain work-release or reentry programs.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 40:581)