

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides that a peace officer may take a person into protective custody if, as result of his personal observation, there exists reasonable grounds to believe that the person is a proper subject for an involuntary hold because the person is acting in manner dangerous to himself, to others, or is gravely disabled and is in need of immediate hospitalization to protect such person or others from physical harm.

New law retains existing law and adds that a peace officer may determine that reasonable grounds exist to place a person in protective custody based on the peace officer's observations or credible third-party information.

Existing law provides that a peace officer shall transport a person in protective custody to a treatment facility.

New law retains existing law and adds that a peace officer shall comply with existing departmental practices and procedures.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 28:53(L)(1))