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Ritchie HB No. 326

Abstract: Repeals the exemption for Washington Parish from the moratorium on additional nursing facilities and additional beds in nursing facilities.

Present law provides that within 60 days after July 10, 2007, any nursing facility in Washington Parish that is involuntarily terminated from participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs, shall not be eligible to participate in the bed abeyance program.

Present law exempts Washington Parish from the moratorium on additional facilities and additional beds in nursing facilities.

Present law provides that the department may license and approve additional nursing facilities and additional beds in nursing facilities, located in the service area known as Washington Parish, as follows:

(1) The department shall follow the facility need review process.

(2) The total number of additional beds in nursing facilities licensed and approved shall not exceed 120.

(3) Any additional beds in nursing facilities licensed shall be enrolled and participate in the Medicaid program.

Proposed law repeals present law in its entirety.

(Repeals R.S. 40:2116(D)(7) and (8))