

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 690

BY SENATOR BUFFINGTON

AGED PERSONS. Relative to the providing of services to the elderly. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 36:258(F) and R.S. 46:931, relative to providing services to the elderly; to provide for the Department of Health and Hospitals, office of aging and adult services; to provide for the office of elderly affairs in the office of the governor; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 36:258(F) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§258. Offices; purposes and functions

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F. The office of aging and adult services shall be responsible for the programs and functions of the Department of Health and Hospitals related to the long-term care of the elderly and the protection and long-term care of persons with adult onset disabilities. It shall administer the residential state-operated nursing homes, the Villa Feliciana Medical Complex, the protection services program of adults from ages eighteen to fifty-nine, the department's long-term support and services programs, the State Personal Assistance Services program, the Community and Family Support Program, the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund, as well as other

1 related programs **and functions** within the department.

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3 Section 2. R.S. 46:931 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

4 §931. Creation; personnel

5 An agency of the state to be known as the office of elderly affairs is hereby
6 created and established in the office of the governor. ~~Said~~ **The** office shall exercise
7 the powers and duties hereinafter set forth or otherwise provided by law. The office
8 shall be administered by an executive director, who shall be recommended for
9 appointment by the Louisiana Executive Board on Aging to the governor to serve at
10 his pleasure, subject to confirmation by the Senate. The executive director shall
11 employ necessary staff to carry out the duties and functions of the office as otherwise
12 provided in this Chapter, or as otherwise provided by law.

13 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
14 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
15 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
16 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
17 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christopher D. Adams.

DIGEST

Present law provides for the Department of Health and Hospitals, office of aging and adult services and the office of elderly affairs in the office of the governor.

Proposed law amends present law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 36:258(F) and R.S. 46:931)