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## DIGEST

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HB No. 183

**Abstract:** Exempts councils on the aging and area agencies on aging from home- and community-based service provider licensing requirements.

Present law provides for the operation and maintenance of home- and community-based services for elderly persons and people with disabilities or mental illness.

Present law defines "home- and community-based services" as personal care attendant services, respite care services, supervised independent living services, family support services, adult day care services, and waiver services.

Present law provides that no home- and community-based service provider may be established or operated or be reimbursed under the Medicaid program for such services unless the provider is licensed by the La. Dept. of Health and Hospitals.

Present law provides penalties for operation without a license.

Proposed law exempts councils on the aging and area agencies on aging from the licensing requirements in present law.

(Adds R.S. 40:2120.8)