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HOUSE BILL NO. 961

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HEALTH: Expands the definition of ambulatory surgical center and provides for rules and regulations

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1202(1) and to enact R.S. 40:2133(A)(3) and (4), relative to 3 ambulatory surgical centers; to expand the definition of "ambulatory surgical center"; 4 to provide for promulgation of rules, regulations, and minimum standards; to provide 5 for an effective date; and to provide for related matters. 6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 7 Section 1. R.S. 22:1202(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 8 §1202. Definitions 9 As used in this Subpart: 10 (1) "Ambulatory surgical center" means an establishment in this state as 11 defined in and licensed under the provisions of R.S. 40:2131 et seq. as may be from 12 time to time amended, and any individual or entity that enters into a use agreement 13 with an ambulatory surgical center. 14 Section 2. R.S. 40:2133(A)(3) and (4) are hereby enacted to read as follows: 15 § 2133 Definitions 16 A. 17 18 (3) "Ambulatory surgical center" also means an individual or entity that has 19 entered into a use agreement with an ambulatory surgical center licensed under this 20 Part.

CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

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(4) "Use agreement" means a written agreement between a licensed ambulatory surgical center and an individual or entity under which such individual or entity leases the ambulatory surgical center, or a portion thereof, on a part-time basis, to provide the services of an ambulatory surgical center as defined in and licensed under the provisions of R.S. 40:2131 et seq. A licensed ambulatory surgical center shall remain responsible, including during the period of use of an ambulatory surgical center under a use agreement by a lessee, for compliance with all rules, regulations, and minimum standards for the licensing of ambulatory surgical centers.

The licensing agency shall establish standards for use agreements by ambulatory surgical centers.

## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Expands definition of "ambulatory surgical center" to include individuals or entities that enter into a use agreement for the part-time use of a licensed ambulatory surgical center.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the licensing of "ambulatory surgical centers" and for the adoption of rules, regulations, and minimum standards upon approval of the secretary of the Dept. of Health and Hospitals.

Present law provides for a definition of "ambulatory surgical center".

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and expands the definition of "ambulatory surgical center" to include an individual or entity that has entered into a use agreement for the part-time use of a licensed ambulatory surgical center.

(Amends R.S. 22:1202(1); Adds R.S. 40:2133(A)(3) and (4))