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SENATE BILL NO. 58

BY SENATOR JOHNS

NURSING HOMES. Provides relative to the licensing of health care providers after an emergency or disaster. (gov sig) (Item #32)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. $40:2007.1(A)(2)(a)$ and (c) and the introductory paragraph of (D)
3	and to repeal R.S. $40:2007.1(A)(3)$, relative to licensing of health care providers after
4	an emergency or disaster; to provide for an exception for the continuation of
5	licensure for certain licensed facilities operating in an area affected by an executive
6	order or proclamation of emergency or disaster; to extend the deadline to provide
7	notice of an interruption; to extend the deadline to resume provision of services; to
8	repeal outdated provisions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related
9	matters.
10	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
11	Section 1. R.S. $40:2007.1(A)(2)(a)$ and (c) and the introductory paragraph of (D) are
12	hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
13	§2007.1. Interruption of provision of health care services; executive order or
14	proclamation of emergency or disaster; licensing
15	A. * * * *
16	* * *
17	(2) All licensed health care providers operating in an area or areas which

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1	have been affected by an executive order or proclamation of emergency or disaster
2	who seek the protection of the provisions of this Section, shall meet the following
3	criteria:
4	(a) The health care provider shall notify in writing the health standards
5	section of the Louisiana Department of Health that the provider has experienced an
6	interruption in the provision of services as a result of events that are the subject of
7	such executive order or proclamation of emergency or disaster issued in accordance
8	with R.S. 29:724. Such notice shall be received no later than December 31, 2005
9	<u>December 31, 2020</u> .
10	* * *
11	(c) The provider shall resume operating as a health care facility no later than
12	January 1, 2008 January 1, 2024. Extensions may be granted by the Louisiana
13	Department of Health for good cause, including, but not limited to delays in
14	construction beyond the provider's control.
15	* * *
16	D.(1) The Louisiana Department of Health shall license, as of the date
17	services commence, any outpatient off-campus facility of a licensed hospital, if the
18	need for the off-campus facility was occasioned by an event which is the subject of
19	an executive order or proclamation of emergency or disaster, issued in accordance
20	with R.S. 29:724. In order to qualify for licensure of such an off-campus facility, the
21	licensed hospital shall, no later than December 31, 2005 December 31, 2020,
22	comply with the following:
23	* * *
24	Section 2. R.S. 40:2007.1(A)(3) is hereby repealed.
25	Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
26	signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
27	by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
28	vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
29	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 Brandi Cannon.

DIGEST

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<u>Present law</u> provides for the licensing of health care facilities by the La. Department of Health (LDH).

<u>Present law</u> provides an exception for the continuation of licensure for certain licensed facilities operating in an area affected by an executive order or proclamation of emergency or disaster, if a facility does all of the following:

- (1) Notify health standards section of LDH, in writing, no later than Dec. 31, 2005, of an interruption of service due to the events which are the subject of the declaration.
- (2) Notify LDH, in writing, of an intention to resume the provision of services.
- (3) Resume provision of services by Jan. 1, 2008. Extensions may be granted for good cause by LDH.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but extends the deadline to notify LDH of an interruption of services to Dec. 31, 2020. Further extends the deadline to resume provision of services to Jan. 1, 2024.

<u>Present law</u> provides that LDH shall license outpatient off-campus facilities established by licensed hospitals located in areas affected by the event which is the subject of a proclamation of emergency or disaster, provided the licensed hospital complies with the following no later than Dec 31, 2005:

- (1) Notifies LDH of commencement of the provision of services at such off-campus facility.
- (2) Submits an attestation that to the best of the hospital's knowledge, the off-campus facility is in compliance with regulations, including life and safety rules and public health requirements.

Proposed law retains present law but extends the deadline to comply to Dec. 31, 2020.

<u>Present law</u> provides for nursing homes in parishes with a population between 65,000 and 70,000 whose facilities were destroyed during hurricanes Katrina or Rita to obtain reinstatement of their pre-storm licenses and reinstatement of their pre-storm facility need review approval, both for the sole purpose of rebuilding or replacing the facilities, if all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The reinstatement request must be submitted to LDH by Dec. 31, 2008, and must state an intent to rebuild the nursing home and resume providing nursing home services in that parish.
- (2) Operations must be resumed no later than January 1, 2010. In the case of a license reinstatement, LDH may grant a reinstatement for good cause.
- (3) All fees, costs, and cost reports due must be submitted.

Proposed law repeals present law.

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

(Amends R.S. 40:2007.1(A)(2)(a) and (c) and (D) (intro para); repeals R.S. 40:2007.1(A)(3))