
DIGEST

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HB 431 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Provides relative to the rules, regulations, and standards for licensing of hospice care facilities and implements regulations regarding the issuance of permits to nonlicensed persons.

Proposed law provides that the administration of proposed law is vested in the La. Dept. of Health and the Louisiana-Mississippi Hospice and Palliative Care Organization and that the department shall promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of proposed law in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

Proposed law defines "otherwise-qualified nonlicensed person" to mean an ex-offender with a certificate of completion from a community-based hospice licensed by the department, who has been convicted of an offense or offenses, except for a sex offense as defined by R.S. 15:541.

Proposed law provides that Louisiana-Mississippi Hospice and Palliative Care Organization shall issue permits to otherwise-qualified nonlicensed persons who provide, for compensation, health-related services directly related to patient care to residents in, or patients of, a hospice agency, and to any person who provides such services to individuals in their own homes as an employee or contract provider of a hospice.

Proposed law provides that an otherwise-qualified nonlicensed person may apply to the Louisiana-Mississippi Hospice and Palliative Care Organization for a permit to provide health-related services to a hospice agency or hospice. Louisiana-Mississippi Hospice and Palliative Care Organization shall issue the permit for which the applicant applied and is otherwise qualified to receive.

Proposed law provides for the training required for an otherwise-qualified nonlicensed person.

Proposed law requires the Louisiana-Mississippi Hospice and Palliative Care Organization to approve a program curriculum for an otherwise-qualified nonlicensed person.

(Adds R.S. 40:2184(3) and 2192)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Remove the requirement for an otherwise-qualified nonlicensed person to obtain laboratory training.
2. Remove the authority to provide a permit to provide nursing care to an otherwise-qualified nonlicensed person.
3. Amend proposed law by divesting any authority vested to the La. Department of Health and vesting the power to adopt and promulgate rules and develop and issue permits to the Louisiana-Mississippi Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.
4. Require the promulgation of a rule that will require a hospice agency or hospice to disclose the employment of an otherwise-qualified nonlicensed person to its patients and their immediate family.
5. Make technical changes.