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## DIGEST

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HB No. 562

**Abstract:** Provides a limited exception to certain licensing requirements for home- and community-based service providers.

Present law requires DHH to prescribe licensing standards for home- and community-based service providers, and that such standards shall include a requirement for demonstrating "financial viability".

Present law provides that for the purposes of present law, "financial viability" means that the provider seeking a home- and community-based service provider license is able to provide verification and maintenance of:

- (1) A line of credit issued from a federally insured, licensed lending institution in the amount of at least \$50,000.
- (2) General and professional liability insurance of at least \$300,000.
- (3) Worker's compensation insurance.

Proposed law exempts home- and community-based service providers that meet all of the following qualifications from the requirement for a line of credit for initial issuance or renewal of a license:

- (1) Has operated and provided services to functionally impaired adults continuously for over 25 years.
- (2) Provides adult day care, day habilitation, pre-vocational training, or supported employment to a combined total of fewer than 100 clients.

(Amends R.S. 40:2120.4(B)(6); Adds R.S. 40:2120.4(E))