

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 236

BY SENATOR BARROW

CORONERS. Provides relative to admissions by emergency certificate of persons suffering from mental illness and substance abuse. (8/1/16)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 28:53(G)(7) and (7)(c)(i), relative
3 to mental health law; to provide relative to examination, admission, commitment,
4 and treatment of persons suffering from mental illness and substance abuse; to
5 provide with respect to admission by emergency certificate; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 28:53(G)(7) and (7)(c)(i) are hereby
9 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §53. Admission by emergency certificate; extension; payment for services rendered

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12 G.(1) * * *

13 (7) As it relates to the ~~parish~~ **parishes** of **East Baton Rouge, Jefferson,**
14 **Orleans, Ouachita, and** St. Tammany, all of the following shall apply:

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16 (c)(i) When a patient is transferred from another parish pursuant to an
17 emergency certificate, a second physician's emergency certificate ~~may~~ **shall** be

executed in the parish of origin.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that the provisions of present law also apply to the parishes of East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, Orleans and Ouachita.

Present law provides that when a patient is transferred from another parish pursuant to an emergency certificate, a second physician's emergency certificate may be executed by a physician at the admitting facility.

Proposed law provides that when a patient is transferred from another parish pursuant to an emergency certificate, a second physician's emergency certificate shall be executed by a physician at the admitting facility.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 28:53(G)(7)(intro para) and (7)(c)(i))