

SENATE BILL NO. 236

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 28:53(G)(7)(c)(i) and to enact R.S. 28:53(G)(8), relative to mental health law; to provide relative to examination, admission, commitment, and treatment of persons suffering from mental illness and substance abuse; to provide with respect to admission by emergency certificate; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 28:53(G)(7)(c)(i) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 28:53(G)(8) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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

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(7) As it relates to the parish of St. Tammany, all of the following shall apply:

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(c)(i) When a patient is transferred from another parish pursuant to an emergency certificate, a second physician's emergency certificate ~~may,~~ when appropriate, shall be executed by a physician at the admitting facility.

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(8) As it relates to the parishes of East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, Orleans, and Ouachita, the following shall apply:

(a) When a patient is transferred from another parish pursuant to an emergency certificate, a second physician's emergency certificate, when appropriate, shall be executed by a physician at the admitting facility.

