

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 133

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To establish and provide for the Task Force on the Regulation of Community-Based Residential Settings.

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Senate formed a task force to study and make recommendations relative to current and proposed regulations of community-based residential settings; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force on Prevention of Human Degradation and Exploitation of Vulnerable Individuals in Community-Based Residential Settings was initially created by Senate Resolution No. 23 of the 2018 Second Extraordinary Session, continued and otherwise provided for by Senate Resolution No. 203 of the 2019 Regular Session of the Legislature, recreated by Senate Resolution No. 52 of the 2020 Second Extraordinary Session of the Legislature, and continued by Senate Resolution No. 120 of the 2021 Regular Session, Senate Resolution No. 217 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature, and Senate Resolution No. 149 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby establish and provide for the Task Force on the Regulation of Community-Based Residential Settings to fulfill the mission originally assigned to the Task Force on Prevention of Human Degradation and Exploitation of Vulnerable Individuals in Community-Based Residential Settings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall meet as often as is necessary to fulfill its mission and to submit a report, including any legislative proposals, to the Senate and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:771 and 772, no later than March 1, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consist of the following members:

- (1) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, or his designee.
- (2) The state health officer, or his designee.
- (3) The director of the health standards section within the Louisiana Department of Health, or his designee.
- (4) The director of the adult protective services section within the Louisiana Department of Health, or his designee.
- (5) The secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services, or his designee.
- (6) The attorney general, or his designee.
- (7) The state fire marshal, or his designee.
- (8) The executive director of the Louisiana Municipal Association, or his designee.
- (9) The executive director of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, or his designee.
- (10) The executive director of the Advocacy Center of Louisiana, or his designee.
- (11) The executive director of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, or his designee.
- (12) The executive director of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association, or his designee.
- (13) One person appointed by the chairman of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare.
- (14) One person appointed by the chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary C.
- (15) The executive director of the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs, or his designee.
- (16) The president of the Louisiana Hospital Association, or his designee.
- (17) The executive director of the Voice of the Experienced, or his designee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consider and make recommendations on the following:

- (1) All present federal and state laws, rules, and regulations, as well as local ordinances in existence, to protect vulnerable individuals from degradation and exploitation by certain property owners or landowners.

(2) Any state laws, rules, and regulations or local ordinances proposed, as necessary, to protect vulnerable individuals from degradation and exploitation by certain property owners or landowners.

(3) Any proposals for regulation of community-based residential settings in which nonrelated individuals reside in a single dwelling and the rent or fees paid to the property owner or landowner are derived from government-funded assistance, such as social security payments, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food stamps, or other federal or state stipends or subsidies.

(4) Any civil or criminal penalties to be assessed against a property owner or landowner who manipulates, scams, exploits, or stockpiles individuals in unclean, unsafe, overcrowded, and unhealthy community-based residential settings.

(5) Any transition or relocation plan for vulnerable individuals who reside in a community-based setting that is deemed unclean, unsafe, overcrowded, and unhealthy.

(6) Any other recommendation deemed important by the task force to address this matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each designating authority shall submit the names of designees to the task force to the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health no later than September 1, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the task force shall convene for its first meeting no later than October 1, 2024, at the call of the secretary of the department of health, or his designee, and at the first meeting, the members shall elect a chairman and other officers as the task force may deem appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall be responsible for providing staff support to assist the task force in performing its duties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the task force shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. All official actions of the task force shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve without compensation, except per diem or expenses reimbursement to which they may be individually entitled as members of their constituent organizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall terminate on July 1, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, the state health officer, the director of the health standards section within the Louisiana Department of Health, the director of the adult protective services section within the Louisiana Department of Health, the secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services, the attorney general, the state fire marshal, the executive director of the Louisiana Municipal Association, the executive director of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, the executive director of the Advocacy Center of Louisiana, the executive director of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, the executive director of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association, the president of the Building Officials Association of Louisiana, the executive director of the Apartment Association of Louisiana, Inc., the executive director of the Louisiana Home Builders Association, the executive director of the Louisiana Housing Corporation, and the executive director of the Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center, the president of the Louisiana Hospital Association, and the executive director of the Voice of the Experienced.

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