

**SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS**

**SB 216**

**2017 Regular Session**

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**KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

HEALTH CARE. Provides for physician assistants executing emergency certificates relative to alleged mental illness or substance abuse. (8/1/17)

**SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL**

1. Adds nurse practitioners with or without a clinical specialization as healthcare professionals who may issue an emergency certificate for mental health or substance abuse treatment.
2. Stipulates that a nurse practitioner who may issue such a certificate must act in accordance with a collaborative practice agreement and receive verbal approval from his collaborating physician for executing the certificate.

**DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

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Present law authorizes any physician, psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, or psychologist to execute an emergency certificate after an actual examination of a person alleged to be mentally ill or suffering from substance abuse who is determined to be in need of immediate care and treatment in a treatment facility because the person is determined to be dangerous to self or others or to be gravely disabled.

Proposed law expands this authority to the following healthcare professionals:

- (1) Physician assistants when acting in accordance with their respective clinical practice guidelines.
- (2) Nurse practitioners with or without a clinical specialization who act in accordance with a collaborative practice agreement and receive verbal approval from a collaborating physician for executing the certificate.

Present law includes minimum data required on a certificate.

Proposed law expands minimum data to include the date of exam and objective findings of the physician assistant or nurse practitioner.

Present law provides for legal authority to transport a person to a treatment facility.

Proposed law expands legal authority to transport a person to a treatment facility to instances where it is authorized by a physician assistant or nurse practitioner.

Effective August 1, 2017.

(Amends R.S. 28:53(B)(1), (2)(a) and (b), and (F))

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