Present law establishes a facility need review process within the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) to determine if there is a need for any new or additional facilities, providers, programs, services, or beds. Proposed law identifies the healthcare providers that are subject to facility need review and provides for the creation and composition of a facility need review committee, the review process used by the committee, and the rights of the applicant subject to review. Proposed law provides that facility need review must be satisfied before a provider can proceed with licensure and Medicaid provider certification.

Present law provides for a nursing facility moratorium and certain exceptions. Proposed law moves provisions in present law relative to the moratorium and exceptions into a new section and deletes obsolete provisions.

Present law provides that the nursing facility moratorium shall be in effect until July 1, 2027. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides for certain cost effective measures that may be accomplished by a department waiver. Proposed law moves provisions in present law relative to cost effective measures into a new section.

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