Present law provides that nursing homes located in the following parishes shall develop an emergency preparedness plan to be submitted to the La. Dept. of Health’s emergency preparedness manager: Acadia, Ascension, Assumption, Calcasieu, Cameron, Iberia, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, and Vermilion.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a requirement for the emergency preparedness plan to also be submitted to the local parish office of emergency preparedness.

Present law provides for the minimum details required in the emergency preparedness plan regarding evacuation of the nursing home.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a requirement for the emergency preparedness plan to also contain a detailed plan to address emergency power in the event of the loss of primary electrical power in that nursing home if evacuation from the nursing home is not required.

Proposed law provides for the local parish office of emergency preparedness to review a nursing home emergency preparedness plan submitted pursuant to proposed law and do one of the following:

1. Report deficiencies in the plan to the nursing home for resolution and require the nursing home to resubmit the plan within 10 business days.

2. Report approval or denial of the plan to the nursing home and the La. Dept. of Health’s emergency preparedness manager.

Present law provides for the duties of the La. Dept. of Health regarding submitted emergency management plans.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a requirement for the department to confirm that the appropriate local parish office of emergency preparedness has approved a nursing home's emergency preparedness plan prior to issuing a license or renewing a license for that nursing home.

Proposed law provides that no nursing home shall receive a license or have a license renewed unless the nursing home is in compliance with proposed law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 40:2009.25(A)-(E) and (I))