

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 541

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HEALTH CARE/PROVIDERS: Establishes a registry for individuals and entities that provide caregiving services

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Adds that referred caregivers and individuals being referred services are not considered a home- and community-based service provider.
2. Defines a caregiver as a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, certified nursing assistant, personal care attendant, direct service worker, home health aide, companion, or homemaker.
3. Adds that a caregiver registry shall not refer a caregiver to a licensed healthcare facility.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law defines "department", "financial viability", "home- and community-based service provider", "home- and community-based services", and "infirm elderly".

Proposed law modifies the home- and community-based service provider definition by providing that a home- and community-based service provider does not include a caregiver registry, a caregiver, or an individual who is referred a caregiver.

Proposed law defines a caregiver as a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, certified nursing assistant, personal care attendant, direct service worker, home health aide, companion, or homemaker.

Propose law defines a caregiver registry as a person or legal entity that establishes a registry that facilitates referrals or matches between individuals seeking caregivers and caregivers whose services are not reimbursed by a federal or state government program.

Proposed law prohibits a caregiver registry from participating in any of the following:

- (1) Employing, directing, or supervising caregivers.
- (2) Providing clinical oversight of caregivers.
- (3) Dictating any term or condition of a referred or matched caregiver's care relationship with an individual to whom the caregiver is referred or matched.

Proposed law requires a caregiver registry to provide information regarding licensed healthcare providers and facilities through which the caregiver may need to operate to provide care giving services.

Proposed law requires a caregiver registry to conduct a background check on the healthcare providers listed on the registry.

Proposed law prohibits the caregiver registry from referring a caregiver to a licensed healthcare facility.

(Adds R.S. 40:2120.2(3)(f), (6), and (7) and 2120.8)