

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 273** SLS 26RS 378

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Hospice care in non-hospice inpatient licensed facilities	

HEALTH SERVICES OR INCREASE GF EX See Note
Provides relative to inpatient licensed facilities. (8/1/26)

Proposed law establishes requirements for hospice care in non-hospice inpatient licensed facilities. Proposed law establishes rights for patients receiving hospice care in any non-hospice inpatient facility, including a nursing facility, assisted living facility, or licensed residential care setting providing inpatient care. Proposed law requires that when a patient in a facility is enrolled in hospice care, a patient specific written care plan shall be completed and maintained in the patient record. Proposed law provides for notification requirements when a patient is being transferred from one facility to another facility and reportable deficiencies for transferring and receiving facilities. Proposed law requires every facility with a patient receiving hospice care to maintain a detailed patient log. The patient log shall be made available to the patient's hospice provider and the patient's family or authorized representative, upon request. Proposed law prohibits retaliation or restriction of access to a patient's family or authorized representative because concerns were raised regarding patient care. Proposed law requires that if the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) receives a complaint alleging a violation of the proposed law, the department shall conduct a complaint survey, which shall include review of the facility's care plans. Proposed law authorizes LDH to issue corrective action plans or assess administrative penalties as determined by the department. Effective August 1, 2026.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Annual Total

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may have an indeterminable, but minimal impact on SGF and Federal expenditures within the LDH Health Standards Section (HSS) in FY 27 and subsequent fiscal years associated with conducting complaint surveys of non-hospice inpatient licensed facilities.

Information provided by LDH indicates that any additional costs associated with complaint surveys resulting from alleged violations at these facilities can be absorbed within existing staff and resources. LDH further notes that these facilities are currently licensed by HSS, and complaint investigations are part of the existing regulatory process.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may increase SGR revenue collections within LDH by an indeterminable, but minimal, amount associated with potential administrative penalties assessed against noncompliant facilities. The number of complaint surveys resulting in such penalties is unknown at this time.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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