

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 351 (SB 376)

2016 Regular Session

Colomb

New law establishes the Louisiana Family Caregiver Act. Further provides requirements for hospitals to give a patient the opportunity to identify a caregiver upon discharge planning. Provides for notice to the designated caregiver and provides for hospital instructions to the caregiver and patient record documentation.

Provides for noninterference with existing laws on healthcare directives or any other legally authorized rights regarding healthcare decisions.

Provides that nothing in new law can be construed to create a cause of action against a hospital, hospital employee, duly authorized agent of the hospital, or any consultant or contractor of the hospital.

Provides that a hospital, hospital employee, or any consultant or contractor of the hospital will not be liable, vicariously or otherwise, to any patient under certain circumstances.

Provides that a hospital, hospital employee, or any consultant or contractor of the hospital will not be liable to a caregiver under certain circumstances.

Prohibits the caregiver from receiving compensation.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Adds R.S. 40:1226.1-1226.7)