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**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2018 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Reengrossed House Bill No. 539 by Representative Leger

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 3, after "provide" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 4 in its  
3 entirety

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, at the end of line 10, delete "fee" and insert "process; fees"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 1, delete lines 11 through 20, and delete pages 2 through 5 in their entirety and on  
8 page 6 delete lines 1 through 9 and insert the following:

9 "A. The Louisiana Department of Health, referred to hereafter in this Section  
10 as the "department", is hereby authorized to establish an expedited licensing process  
11 for healthcare facilities and providers that the department licenses.

12 B. The department shall promulgate, in accordance with the Administrative  
13 Procedure Act, any such rules as are necessary to provide for the expedited licensing  
14 process authorized by this Section.

15 C. The fees for the expedited licensing process shall be assessed in an amount  
16 not to exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars and shall be payable to the  
17 department at the time an expedited licensing application is submitted to the  
18 department by a healthcare facility or provider.

19 D.(1) After the department receives and approves the completed expedited  
20 licensing application packet, the department shall notify the applicant to provide a  
21 readiness date for the expedited survey. The department shall conduct the expedited  
22 licensing survey within ten working days of the readiness date indicated by the  
23 facility or provider and in accordance with applicable rules of the department.

24 (2) The department shall refund the expedited licensing fee if the expedited  
25 licensing survey is not conducted within the time period specified in this Section,  
26 unless such failure to conduct the survey is due to the unavailability of the facility  
27 or provider.

28 (3) The department shall not utilize existing employees who conduct regular  
29 licensing surveys to conduct any expedited licensing survey.

30 E. The department shall ensure that no facility or provider seeking approval  
31 to apply for licensure pursuant to a pre-licensing facility need review process  
32 provided for in this Chapter is affected by another provider of the same license type  
33 choosing the expedited licensing process instead of the regular licensing process."