

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 414

2018 Regular Session

White

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

HEALTH CARE. Provides relative to emergency medical services transporting patients to alternative destinations. (8/1/18)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Provides that no person will be transported to an alternative destination unless he and the alternative destination consent to being transported to that destination.
2. Provides that no ambulance service or emergency medical services practitioner shall transport a person to an alternative destination in which the ambulance service, or emergency medical services practitioner or his employer has a financial interest.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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Present law governs emergency medical services provided by ambulance transport, but does not specify whether an emergency medical services provider is authorized to transport an individual to a location other than a hospital emergency department.

Proposed law allows for protocols to be established allowing the transportation to an alternative destination if an individual's condition does not meet the definition of an emergency medical condition pursuant to present law, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) No person shall be transported to an alternative destination unless he and the alternative destination consent to being transported to that destination.
- (2) No ambulance service shall transport a person to an alternative destination in which the ambulance service has a financial interest.

Proposed law requires the La. Department of Health to establish through administrative rulemaking a reasonable and adequate Medicaid reimbursement methodology for ground ambulance transfers.

Proposed law provides that a licensed emergency medical services practitioner cannot transport a person to an alternative destination unless the person consents to being transported to the destination. Further the practitioner or his employer cannot have a financial interest in the alternative destination.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 40:1131(4); adds R.S. 33:4791.1(A)(6) and (B)(7) and R.S. 40:1131.3 and 1133:14(A)(1)(c))

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