

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 324 (HB 539)

2018 Regular Session

Leger

New law requires the La. Department of Health (LDH) to implement, through administrative rulemaking, an expedited licensing process for healthcare facilities and providers that the department licenses.

New law provides that the fee for the expedited licensing process shall not exceed \$7,500 and shall be payable to LDH at the time an expedited licensing application is submitted by a healthcare facility or provider.

New law provides that after LDH receives and approves the completed expedited licensing application, the department shall notify the applicant to provide a readiness date for the expedited license survey. Requires LDH to conduct the expedited licensing survey within ten working days of the readiness date indicated by the facility or provider and in accordance with applicable rules of the department.

New law requires LDH to refund the expedited licensing fee if the expedited licensing survey is not conducted within the ten-day time period specified in new law, unless the failure to conduct the survey is due to the unavailability of the facility or provider.

New law prohibits LDH from utilizing existing employees who conduct regular licensing surveys to conduct any expedited licensing survey.

New law requires LDH to ensure that no facility or provider seeking approval to apply for licensure pursuant to a pre-licensing facility need review process is affected by another provider of the same license type choosing the expedited licensing process instead of the regular licensing process.

New law requires LDH to submit a written report to the legislative committees on health and welfare on or before February 1, 2019, regarding implementation of the expedited licensing process authorized by new law.

Effective upon signature of governor (May 15, 2018).

(Adds R.S. 40:2006.2)