2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 362

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

HOSPITALS: Defines "freestanding children's hospital" for purposes of the Hospital
Licensing Law

1   AN ACT

2   To enact R.S. 40:2102(5) and 2109.1, relative to freestanding children's hospitals; to provide

3   for a definition; to provide for newborn health services; and to provide for related

4   matters.

5   Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6   Section 1. R.S. 40:2102(5) and 2109.1 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

7   §2102. Definitions

8   As used in this Part:

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10   (5) "Freestanding children's hospital" means a fully functional hospital with

11   all of the support services and ancillary functions needed to furnish services

12   primarily to children below the age of eighteen.

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14   §2109.1. Neonatal Intensive Care Units

15   A. In order to provide a neonatal intensive care unit, a facility shall be one

16   of the following:

17   (1) A hospital as defined by R.S. 40:2102.

18   (2) A freestanding hospital as defined by the department in rule.

19   (3) A freestanding children's hospital, as defined by R.S. 40:2102.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for freestanding children's hospitals to provide newborn services at their facility.

Proposed law defines "freestanding children's hospital" for the purposes of the Hospital Licensing Law.

Proposed law provides that hospitals, freestanding hospitals as provided for in present law, and free-standing children's hospitals may be one of the three facilities that may provide a neonatal intensive care unit.

(Adds R.S. 40:2102(5) and 2109.1)

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