DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes the "Nurse Staffing Agency Licensing Law".

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the La. Dept. of Health to promulgate and publish rules and regulations to provide for the licensure and registration of nurse staffing agencies.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the La. Dept. of Health to protect the public's right to high quality health care by assuring that nurse staffing agencies employ, assign and refer licensed and certified personnel to healthcare facilities.

<u>Proposed law</u> defines "department", "healthcare facility", "licensee", "nurse", "nurse staffing agency", and "secretary".

<u>Proposed law</u> provides requirements for licensure and applicability provisions for prospective agencies.

<u>Proposed law</u> establishes provisions for applications for licensure.

<u>Proposed law</u> establishes regulations, processes, and grounds for issuance, renewal, and denial of a license.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the department to establish minimum standards for the operation of nurse staffing agencies.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the department may at any time and shall, upon receiving a complaint from any interested person, investigate any entity, person, or persons licensed or applying for a license.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the department to investigate any entity, person, or persons who operate or advertises a nurse staffing agency without being licensed in accordance with <u>proposed law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the secretary may examine the premises of any nurse staffing agency, may compel by subpoena, for examination or inspection, the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of books, payrolls, and other evidence in any investigation or hearing, and may administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses.

Proposed law requires the department to adopt all rules and regulations in accordance with the

Administrative Procedure Act as necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this <u>proposed</u> <u>law</u>.

(Adds R.S. 40:2120.11-2120.22)