
SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2023 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator Fesi to Engrossed House Bill No. 291 by Representative Charles Owen

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 Delete Senate Committee Amendment No. 6 in the set of Senate Committee Amendments
3 (1565) proposed by the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and adopted by Senate on
4 May 11, 2023

5 AMENDMENT NO. 2

6 On page 2, delete lines 5 through 27 and on page 3, delete lines 1 through 19 and insert the
7 following:

8 "§1300.54. In-person visitation policies; requirements

9 A. The legislature intends that every patient in the care of a hospital,
10 nursing home, in-patient hospice facility, or licensed intermediate care
11 facility for people with developmental disabilities shall be allowed visitation
12 from one caregiver at any time of the day while the patient is hospitalized or
13 in the care of the facility unless prevented by individual clinical
14 considerations. This visitation shall not impede surgical or emergency-
15 centered intensive care procedures. A patient shall be allowed at least one
16 visitor during the course of a twenty-four hour day. Minors shall have the
17 right to have both parents or guardians in-person at all times unless prevented
18 by individual clinical considerations. A hospital, nursing home, in-patient
19 hospice facility, or licensed intermediate care facility for people with
20 developmental disabilities shall not be required to allow more than one
21 visitor, but shall make provisions for one primary caregiver to relieve
22 another.

23 B. In accordance with R.S. 40:2005, any person eighteen years or
24 older may designate those individuals who will not be denied access to visit
25 him in-person during any stay in any hospital, nursing home, or other
26 healthcare facility within the state of Louisiana.

27 C. In accordance with R.S. 40:2005.1, hospitals, nursing homes, and
28 adult residential care homes may allow members of the clergy to visit
29 patients or residents during a public health emergency whenever a patient or
30 resident or the legal or designated representative of the patient or resident
31 requests the visit. Special consideration shall be given to patients or residents
32 receiving end-of-life care.

33 D. In accordance with R.S. 40:2009.4, licensed nursing facilities may
34 allow immediate family members and other designated persons to visit
35 residents during a public health emergency whenever a resident or the legal
36 or designated representative of the resident requests the visit. Special
37 consideration shall be given to residents receiving end-of-life care.

38 E. In accordance with R.S. 40:2166.5, licensed adult residential care
39 providers may allow immediate family members and other designated
40 persons to visit residents during a public health emergency whenever a
41 resident or the legal or designated representative of the resident requests the
42 visit. Special consideration shall be given to residents receiving end-of-life
43 care.

1 F. In accordance with R.S. 40:2180.2, licensed intermediate care
2 facilities for people with developmental disabilities (ICF/DD) may allow any
3 close family member or legal representative of a resident of an ICF/DD to
4 visit the resident during any state of public health emergency."