

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 118

BY REPRESENTATIVE EGAN

HEALTH CARE: Provides relative to emergency certificates in St. Tammany Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 28:53(G)(7)(b)(i), relative to the issuance of a emergency
3 certificate in the parish of St. Tammany; to provide for the manner of initial
4 examination; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
6 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
7 Louisiana.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 28:53(G)(7)(b)(i) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
10 follows:

11 §53. Admission by emergency certificate; extension; payment for services rendered

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15 (7) As it relates to the parish of St. Tammany, all of the following shall
16 apply:

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18 (b) The coroner or deputy coroner, who is a physician, preferably a
19 psychiatrist, may conduct an examination and execute an emergency certificate, as

1 provided in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, by telehealth under all of the
2 following circumstances:

3 (i) If the initial examination, pursuant to Paragraph (B)(1) of this Section,
4 has been made in person ~~by a psychiatrist, psychiatric mental health nurse~~
5 ~~practitioner, or a psychologist.~~

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes the requirement that an initial examination, conducted prior to issuing an emergency certificate, be executed by a psychiatrist, a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, or a psychologist in St. Tammany Parish.

Present law requires a psychiatrist, a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, or a psychologist to conduct an in-person examination of an individual prior to issuing an emergency certificate.

Proposed law changes present law by removing the requirement that the in-person examination be conducted by a psychiatrist, psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, or a psychologist.

(Amends R.S. 28:53(G)(7)(b)(i))