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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides with respect to investigations and adjudications by the La. State Board of Medical Examiners.

Proposed law provides that complaints that require evaluation of clinical decisionmaking, diagnosis, treatment, prescribing, supervision of clinical care, documentation of care, or standard of care receive peer physician review prior to formal disciplinary proceedings.

Proposed law provides that the complaint shall only be escalated to formal disciplinary proceedings after review by the physician review panel.

Proposed law defines "escalated to formal disciplinary proceedings".

Proposed law provides for the membership of the physician review panel and the guidelines in which the panel may or may not serve for a peer review complaint.

Proposed law provides the guidelines of how peer reviews are to be conducted and what materials are permissible.

Proposed law provides that the physician review panel is advisory only and final authority for complaints remains with the board.

Proposed law provides for the confidentiality of records and materials that are a part of peer reviews.

Proposed law provides that the board may take immediate temporary action authorized by law when there is an imminent threat to public health.

(Adds R.S. 37:1285.2(H))