
DIGEST

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HB No. 127

Abstract: Provides with respect to hospitalization costs of prisoners.

Present law (R.S. 15:824) provides that an inmate who is not institutionalized in a state corrections facility because of a lack of facilities under the control of the department can be held in a parish jail. Further provides that the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections shall reimburse only the cost of extraordinary medical expenses incurred in emergency circumstances when the health of the inmate requires the use of the closest services available.

Proposed law, with regard to inmates under the control of the department and parish prisoners, provides that the department shall reimburse the cost of medical care incurred when the health of the inmate requires hospitalization and the following occur:

- (1) The governor declares by executive order or proclamation pursuant to the provisions of the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act (R.S. 29:721 et seq.) a disaster or emergency encompassing the parish prison.
- (2) The Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College declares that the state hospital operated as part of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, which typically provides the medical care to inmates in that parish, has been rendered inoperable and is unable to provide medical treatment to those inmates.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 15:824(B)(1)(b); Adds R.S. 15:713)