
DIGEST

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HB No. 5

Abstract: Grants DHH rulemaking authority for the establishment, reestablishment, or continued operation of nursing facilities, hospitals, and ICF/MRs in areas subject to hurricanes, tidal surges, or flooding.

Proposed law authorizes DHH to promulgate rules for the establishment, reestablishment, or continued operation of nursing facilities located in areas subject to hurricanes, tidal surges, or flooding. Such rules must include requirements of stricter building and construction codes and guidelines, restrictions of location of facilities, and requirements of maintaining advanced communication devices which are not dependent on towers, wires, or fibers.

Proposed law authorizes DHH to promulgate rules for the establishment, reestablishment, or continued operation of hospitals located in areas subject to hurricanes, tidal surges, or flooding. Such rules may include the requirements of stricter building and construction codes and guidelines and restrictions of location of facilities.

Proposed law authorizes DHH to promulgate rules for the establishment, reestablishment, or continued operation of intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded located in areas subject to hurricanes, tidal surges, or flooding. Such rules must include the requirements of stricter building and construction codes and guidelines and restrictions of location of facilities.

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

(Adds R.S. 40:2009.4(A)(6), 2109(B)(1)(c), and 2180.2(10))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Adds that the rules promulgated for nursing facilities must include the requirement that such facilities maintain advanced communication devices that do not depend upon towers, wires, or fibers.