

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

HEALTH CARE/FACILITIES. Provides for the Department of Health and Hospitals to promulgate rules for the establishment, reestablishment, or continued operation of nursing facilities, hospitals, and intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded located in areas subject to hurricanes, tidal surges, or flooding (Item #43).

DIGEST

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

Proposed law authorizes DHH to promulgate rules for the establishment or reestablishment, intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded located in areas subject to hurricanes, tidal surges, or flooding. Such rules shall include the requirements for 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.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the reengrossed bill.

- 1. Remove language relating to facilities which were continuing operations rather than those in the process of establishing or reestablishing facilities.
- 2. Remove language regarding stricter building codes, leaving the reference to building codes, in general.
- 3. Provide that restrictions on locations of facilities shall apply only to facilities that are subject to the facility need review process.
- 4. Provide clarification regarding provisions in the reimbursement methodology to provide for the inclusion of the cost of land purchases in payment methodology.