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DIGEST

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Present law authorizes any physician, psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, or psychologist to execute an emergency certificate after an actual examination of a person alleged to be mentally ill or suffering from substance abuse who is determined to be in need of immediate care and treatment in a treatment facility because the person is determined to be dangerous to self or others or to be gravely disabled.

Proposed law expands this authority to physician assistants in collaboration with their supervising physician.

Present law includes minimum data required on a certificate.

Proposed law expands minimum data to include the date of exam and objective findings of the physician assistant.

Present law provides for legal authority to transport a person to a treatment facility.

Proposed law expands legal authority to transport a person to a treatment facility to instances where it is authorized by a physician assistant in collaboration with their supervising physician.

Effective August 1, 2017.

(Amends R.S. 28:53(B)(1), (2)(a) and (b), and (F))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Clarifies that the physician assistant acts in collaboration with their supervising physician in issuing an emergency certificate.