

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 254 (SB 216)

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Prior law authorized 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.

New law expands this authority to the following healthcare professionals:

- (1) Physician assistants when acting in accordance with their respective clinical practice guidelines.
- (2) Nurse practitioners with or without a clinical specialization who act in accordance with a collaborative practice agreement and receive verbal approval from a collaborating physician for executing the certificate.

Prior law included minimum data required on a certificate.

New law expands minimum data to include the date of exam and objective findings of the physician assistant or nurse practitioner.

Prior law provided for legal authority to transport a person to a treatment facility.

New law expands legal authority to transport a person to a treatment facility to instances where it is authorized by a physician assistant or nurse practitioner.

Effective August 1, 2017.

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