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Abstract: Expands list of parishes to all in Louisiana that require notification to the coroner when a second physician's emergency certificate is executed following a patient's transfer from one parish to another.

Present law allows the admission and detention of a person to a treatment facility for observation and diagnosis by emergency certificate if the person is mentally ill or is suffering from substance abuse. However, treatment shall not exceed fifteen days under an emergency certificate.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law, in the parishes of East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, Orleans, and Ouachita, requires that the coroner be notified when a patient is transferred from one parish to another and a second physician's emergency certificate is executed. Further requires the coroner to conduct an independent examination in such cases.

Proposed law maintains present law but expands present law to include all parishes of Louisiana.

Present law also contains requirements specific to St. Tammany Parish.

Proposed law retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 28:53(G)(8))