

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 640

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

NURSING HOMES: Requires that oxygen tanks used by nursing home residents be fitted with alarm devices

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:2009.4.2, relative to licensing and regulation of nursing homes; to require
3 that oxygen tanks in use by nursing home residents be fitted with alarm devices; and
4 to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:2009.4.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §2009.4.2. Oxygen tanks; monitoring and alarm devices required

8 A. Each nursing facility licensed in accordance with the provisions of this
9 Part shall ensure that any oxygen tank in use by a resident of the facility is fitted with
10 a working alarm device which activates when pressure in the tank becomes low or
11 delivery of oxygen from the tank is impeded.

12 B. The nursing facility shall take all actions as are necessary to ensure that
13 each alarm device required by the provisions of Subsection A of this Section is
14 working properly at all times, and shall replace or cause to be repaired any device
15 that is not in good working order.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires that oxygen tanks used by nursing home residents be fitted with alarm devices and provides for duties of nursing homes with respect to the requirement.

Proposed law requires each nursing home licensed in accordance with present law to ensure that any oxygen tank in use by a nursing home resident is fitted with a working alarm device which activates when pressure in the tank becomes low or delivery of oxygen from the tank is impeded.

Proposed law requires that nursing homes take all actions necessary to ensure that each alarm device required by the provisions of proposed law is working properly at all times. Provides that nursing homes shall replace or cause to be repaired any such device that is not in good working order.

(Adds R.S. 40:2009.4.2)