
DIGEST

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HB 546 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides for the qualifications to operate emergency medical response vehicles and ambulances.

Present law requires that the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) promulgate rules establishing a list of required medical and safety equipment that shall be in all ambulances.

Proposed law changes present law by dispensing with the requirement to promulgate rules to establish the list.

Proposed law adds that the list of equipment to be carried in all ambulances is based on recommendations from the Health Standards Subcommittee of the La. Ambulance Alliance.

Proposed law provides for the definition of "ambulance".

Present law required a review of the list after four years. Prohibited changing the list more than once every four years. Permitted supplementing the list with newly developed devices.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Proposed law provides that the LDH provide a list of required medical and safety equipment that shall be in all emergency medical response vehicles.

Proposed law adds that the LDH shall distribute the list of required medical and safety equipment to every ambulance service within thirty days of adoption, and within thirty days after each subsequent adoption as the list is updated.

(Amends R.S. 1135.1(A)(3) and 1135.2(B)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Require that the list of equipment for emergency medical response vehicles be based on recommendations from the Health Standards Subcommittee of the La. Ambulance Alliance.

2. Add that the La. Dept. of Health shall distribute the list of required medical and safety equipment to every ambulance service within thirty days of adoption, and within thirty days of every subsequent adoption.
3. Makes technical corrections.