

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 402 (SB 66)**

**2018 Regular Session**

**Claitor**

Prior law provided for certain emergency certificate admission procedures for the parishes of East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, Orleans, and Ouachita.

New law retains prior law and makes it applicable to all parishes except St. Tammany.

Prior law authorized any physician, certain physician assistant and nurse practitioner, or psychologist to execute an emergency certificate only after an actual examination of a person alleged to have a mental illness or be suffering from a substance-related or addictive disorder and who is determined to be in immediate need care and treatment in a treatment facility. Authorizes conducting such examination by telemedicine utilizing video conferencing technology and provides the parameters for performing such examination.

New law retains prior law but requires physicians executing an emergency certificate to be licensed or permitted by the La. State Board of Medical Examiners.

Prior law provided a standard of care relating to the examination, admission, commitment and treatment of individuals suffering from mental illness and substance-related or addictive disorders and limitations of liability.

New law retains prior law but requires physicians providing such care to be licensed or permitted by the La. State Board of Medical Examiners.

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(Amends R.S. 28:53(B)(1), (G)(8)(intro para), 63(A)(1) and (B))