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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Bill  
No. 43 by Representative Bacala

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, delete "R.S. 40:2010.8(A)(2)(b)(vii)" and insert in lieu thereof "R.S.  
3 40:2005 and 2010.8(A)(2)(b)(vii)"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 3, after "nursing home residents" and before the semicolon ";" insert "and  
6 hospital patients"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 1, line 4, after "nursing homes" and before "may" insert "and hospitals"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 4

10 On page 1, line 6, after "nursing home residents" and before "to have" insert "and hospital  
11 patients"

12 AMENDMENT NO. 5

13 On page 1, line 9, delete "R.S. 40:2010.8(A)(2)(b)(vii)" and insert in lieu thereof "R.S.  
14 40:2005 and 2010.8(A)(2)(b)(vii)"

15 AMENDMENT NO. 6

16 On page 1, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

17        "§2005. Hospital visitation

18                A. Any person eighteen years or older may designate those individuals who  
19 will not be denied access to visit him during any stay in any hospital, nursing home,  
20 or other ~~health care~~ healthcare facility within the state of Louisiana.

21                B. Subject to the restrictions authorized by Subsection D of this Section,  
22 each person who is admitted as a patient to a hospital licensed pursuant to this Part  
23 shall have the right to be granted immediate access to all of the following persons:

24                    (1) Immediate family members, other relatives of the patient, and the  
25 patient's clergy subject to the patient's right to deny or withdraw consent at any time.  
26 The hospital shall allow in-person access to the patient by any person identified in  
27 this Paragraph if the person or patient chooses to visit in person.

28                    (2) Others who are visiting with the consent of the patient, subject to  
29 reasonable restrictions and the patient's right to deny or withdraw consent at any  
30 time. The hospital shall allow in-person access to the patient by any person  
31 identified in this Paragraph if the person or patient chooses to visit in person.

32                C. Except as provided in Subsection D of this Section, no provision of the  
33 Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act (R.S.  
34 29:721 et seq.), the Louisiana Health Emergency Powers Act (R.S. 29:760), or any  
35 other law or regulation shall be construed to limit a patient's right to have access to  
36 in-person visitation by an immediate family member of the patient, other relative of

1 the patient, the patient's clergy, or any other person visiting the patient with the  
2 resident's consent as established in Subsection B of this Section.

3 B: D. Nothing ~~contained herein in this Section~~ shall prohibit hospitals,  
4 nursing homes, or other ~~health care~~ healthcare facilities from restricting visits to  
5 standard designated hours, from restricting visits as the patient's medical condition  
6 may require, or from enforcing an injunction barring an individual from entering the  
7 premises.

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