

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 372 (HB 79)

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Existing law provides that a treatment facility for a person with a mental illness or suffering from a substance-related or addictive disorder shall be selected in the following order of priority:

- (1) Medical suitability.
- (2) Least restriction of the person's liberty.
- (3) Nearness to the patient's usual residence.
- (4) Financial or other status of the patient.

New law adds that a patient's preference shall be the fifth consideration in this order of priority.

New law provides that the geographic location for a public or private behavioral health service provider licensed pursuant to existing law shall be defined to include the parish in which the provider's business office is located, any parish contiguous to the parish in which the office is located, and any distance within a fifty-mile radius of the office.

Effective August 1, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 28:2(39)(a)(intro. para.) and R.S. 40:2155(B))