

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 358

BY REPRESENTATIVE PRESSLY

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Provides relative to the Louisiana Health Emergency Powers Act

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 29:761(A)(introductory paragraph), relative to the Louisiana
3 Health Emergency Powers Act; to provide relative to the legislative purpose; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 29:761(A)(introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and reenacted
7 to read as follows:

8 §761. Purpose

9 A. Because the government ~~must~~ has an obligation to do all that is
10 reasonable and necessary to protect the health and safety of its citizens; because new
11 and emerging dangers, including emergent and resurgent infectious diseases and
12 incidents of civilian mass casualties, pose serious and immediate threats; because a
13 renewed focus on the prevention, detection, management, and containment of public
14 health emergencies is essential; and because emergency health threats, including
15 those caused by bioterrorism, may require the exercise of extraordinary government
16 powers and functions, the state must have the ability to respond, rapidly and
17 effectively, to potential or actual public health emergencies. The purposes of this
18 Chapter are:

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Specifies that the government has an obligation to do all that is reasonable and necessary to protect the health and safety of its citizens.

Present law provides, in part, that the Louisiana Health Emergency Powers Act is necessary because the government must do all that is reasonable and necessary to protect the health and safety of its citizens.

Proposed law retains present law and further specifies that the government has an obligation to do all that is reasonable and necessary to protect the health and safety of its citizens.

(Amends R.S. 29:761(A)(intro. para.))