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## DIGEST

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HB 189 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides a definition for and makes provisions applicable to long-term care facilities.

Present law creates a program to authorize certification of medication attendants to perform certain functions in licensed nursing homes. Proposed law states that present law shall be made applicable to licensed long-term care providers licensed by the Louisiana Department of Health.

Proposed law defines "licensed long-term care facility". Proposed law provides that the term "licensed long-term care facility" encompasses nursing homes and adult residential care providers.

Present law provides for persons who have completed an approved medication administration course, passed a quality certification examination, and been issued a current certification by the department shall be permitted to administer certain prescribed medications to residents of licensed nursing homes. Proposed law states that present law shall be made applicable to licensed long-term care providers licensed by the Louisiana Department of Health.

Present law states that the rules and regulations shall include but not be limited to ratios of supervising licensed nurses to medication attendants in licensed nursing homes. Proposed law states that the rules and regulations shall include but not be limited to ratios of supervising licensed nurses to medication attendants in licensed long-term care facilities.

Present law requires the promulgation of rules and regulations for the enforcement of this Part to be done by March 31, 2008. Proposed law removes deadline for the promulgation of rules and regulations for the enforcement of this Part.

Present law requires each person accepted to participate in the medication administration course to have a minimum of one year's experience in a nursing home as a certified nursing assistant or graduated from a nursing program. Proposed law requires each person accepted to participate in the medication administration course to have a minimum of one year's experience in a licensed long-term care facility as a certified nursing assistant or graduate from a nursing program.

Present law requires any nursing home utilizing a medication attendant to verify with the nurse aide registry that the person has a current certification. Proposed law requires any licensed long-term care facility utilizing a medication attendant to verify with the nurse aide registry that the person has a current certification.

(Amends heading of Part I-A of Chapter 11-A of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950)

and R.S. 37:1026.1, 1026.2, 1026.3(4), 1026.4, 1026.6(A) and (B)(6), 1026.7(8), and 1026.8)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Provide that the term "licensed long-term care facility" encompasses nursing homes and adult residential care providers.
2. Provide citations to the legal definitions for nursing homes and adult residential care providers.
3. Make technical corrections.