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## DIGEST

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HB 611 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Requires authorization by a legislative health and welfare committee in order for the La. Department of Health to conduct facility need review with respect to healthcare facilities and providers.

Present law requires the La. Department of Health (LDH) to establish a facility need review process for healthcare facilities and providers, as a condition of consideration for licensure, consistent with state licensing regulations and federal Medicaid laws.

Proposed law revises present law to provide that LDH shall implement a facility need review process in accordance with the requirements of present law and proposed law.

Proposed law stipulates that, with the exception of nursing homes, which are subject to a licensure moratorium provided in present law, no healthcare facility or provider shall be subject to facility need review pursuant to present law unless either of the legislative committees on health and welfare has authorized the department to conduct such review with respect to that provider.

Proposed law provides that authorization by a legislative committee for conducting facility need review as required by proposed law may be by favorable vote of a simple majority of the committee's membership at a meeting of the committee.

(Amends R.S. 40:2116(A))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Exempt nursing homes from the provisions of proposed law.