DIGEST

SB 167 Engrossed 2022 Regular Session Talbot

Present law provides that nursing homes located in the following parishes shall develop an emergency preparedness plan to be submitted to the La. Dept. of Health's emergency preparedness manager: Acadia, Ascension, Assumption, Calcasieu, Cameron, Iberia, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, and Vermilion.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides for the minimum details required in the emergency preparedness plan regarding evacuation of the nursing home.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a requirement for the emergency preparedness plan to also contain a detailed plan to address emergency power in the event of the loss of primary electrical power in that nursing home if evacuation from the nursing home is not required. Further provides for the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to confirm that the plan contains the minimum requirements as provided in proposed law.

Present law provides for the duties of the La. Dept. of Health regarding submitted emergency management plans.

Proposed law retains present law and requires each nursing home's primary sheltering host site and any other alternative sheltering host sites to be inspected and approved by the office of state fire marshal (OSFM). Further provides for LDH to confirm that the OSFM has approved a nursing home's emergency preparedness plan prior to issuing a license or renewing a license for that nursing home.

Proposed law provides that, if the OSFM does not inspect a sheltering host site within 15 business days after LDH receives a nursing home's emergency preparedness plan or summary of an updated plan, the sheltering host site shall be considered conditionally approved until the completion of the federal survey of the nursing home as required by CMS.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 40:2009.25(A), (C)-(E), and (I); adds R.S. 40:1563(N))
Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Deletes provisions relative to the local offices of emergency preparedness.
2. Provides for inspections of evacuation sites by the state fire marshal.
3. Requires LDH to confirm the content of an emergency preparedness plan.
4. Provides for conditional approval of evacuation sites.
5. Provides for rulemaking by LDH and the state fire marshal.