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<u>Present law</u> authorizes the Louisiana Department of Health to promulgate and publish rules and regulations for the licensing of free-standing birth centers.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds additional requirements for the department to include in its rules.

<u>Proposed law</u> repeals the requirement that free-standing birth centers be located within a ground-travel-time distance from a general acute care hospital providing obstetric services which allows for an emergency cesarean delivery to begin within 30 minutes of the decision that a cesarean delivery is necessary.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 40:2180.25(B)(2))