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## DIGEST

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HB 372 Engrossed

2024 Regular Session

Crews

**Abstract:** Requires the La. Dept. of Health to collect certain information if a patient seeking emergency care is transferred from the care of an ambulance provider to a hospital when the transfer takes longer than 30 minutes.

Proposed law requires the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to collect data from each ground ambulance provider operating in a parish with a population exceeding 125,000 whenever a patient seeking emergency care is transferred from the ground ambulance provider to the hospital and the transfer time exceeds 30 minutes. LDH may collect the same data from a ground ambulance provider in a parish with a population less than 125,000. Proposed law requires the following information be collected:

- (1) The name of the ground ambulance provider and the hospital.
- (2) The time at which the patient arrived at the hospital, which is the time the patient is presented at the hospital.
- (3) The time the patient is transferred from the ground ambulance provider to an appropriate place in the hospital to receive emergency care from hospital staff.
- (4) The total number of persons transported by the ground ambulance provider to the hospital in need of emergency care during the previous quarter.
- (5) The total number of persons transported by the ground ambulance provider to the hospital in need of emergency care who were not transferred to an appropriate place in the hospital to receive emergency care from hospital staff within 30 minutes after arriving at the hospital during the previous quarter.

Proposed law requires LDH to submit an annual report summarizing the data collected from ground ambulance providers.

Proposed law requires data to be reported to LDH on a quarterly basis.

Proposed law authorizes LDH to promulgate rules to carry out the provisions of proposed law.

Proposed law provides for definitions.

Effective Jan. 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 40:1134)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Remove the requirement for hospitals to report patient wait time data to the La. Dept. of Health.
2. Remove the requirement for hospitals and ground ambulance providers to report the reason for an extensive transfer wait time.