

2024 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 59

BY SENATOR FESI

NURSING HOMES. Requests the Louisiana Department of Health to work with stakeholders to develop a plan for the reestablishment of a nursing home following a natural disaster.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to work with stakeholders to develop a plan for reestablishing nursing homes following a natural disaster.

WHEREAS, Louisiana experiences catastrophic natural disasters on a regular basis, especially in coastal areas of the state; and

WHEREAS, these natural disasters upend everything and cause a litany of unforeseen impacts; and

WHEREAS, rural areas of the state often experience long-term negative consequences in the aftermath of a natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, a community that has been ravaged by a natural disaster should not be further penalized by having a nursing home in the community permanently closed; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health should consider additional factors during the facility-needs review process, such as the relocation of elderly citizens away from their family and the emotional and social impacts on those elderly citizens and the community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request the Louisiana Department of Health to work with stakeholders, including but not limited to the state senator for Senate District 20, the state representative for House District

1 54, the Louisiana Nursing Home Association, the office of the governor, and family
2 members of former or current nursing home residents impacted by recent natural disasters
3 and to develop a plan for the reestablishment of nursing homes that have experienced closure
4 associated with a natural disaster.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
6 governor, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, and the executive director
7 of the Louisiana Nursing Home Association.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Amanda Trapp.

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