

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 314

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HEALTH CARE/FACILITIES: Modifies the regulatory authority of the Louisiana Department of Health in relation to hospital classifications

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2109(B)(6), relative to establishing classifications of and
3 standards for hospitals; to remove exemptions for certain hospitals to the requirement
4 of maintaining in-house obstetric anesthesia personnel on a twenty-four-hour basis;
5 to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. 40:2109(B)(6) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §2109. Rules, regulations, and minimum standards

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10 B. The minimum standards adopted by the secretary governing operation and
11 maintenance of hospitals may contain regulations in relation to:

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13 (6) Classification of hospitals and variation of standards so as to ensure
14 realistic, practical, and uniform standards for the hospitals in each classification.
15 ~~However, no rule, regulation, policy, or standard adopted by the secretary shall~~
16 ~~require a hospital located in a parish with a population of two hundred fifty thousand~~
17 ~~people or less to maintain personnel in-house with credentials to administer obstetric~~
18 ~~anesthesia on a twenty-four-hour basis in order to qualify for Medicaid~~
19 ~~reimbursement for Level III, neonatal, or obstetric medical services, or as a~~
20 ~~prerequisite for licensure to provide such services. Personnel with such credentials~~

~~may be required to be on staff and readily available on a twenty-four-hour on-call basis and demonstrate ability to provide anesthesia services within twenty minutes.~~

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4 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes an exemption that certain rural hospitals have to maintain a healthcare professional with credentials to administer obstetric anesthesia 24 hours a day, seven days a week in order to receive certain Medicaid reimbursements.

Present law authorizes the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to promulgate rules to establish minimum standards for the operation and maintenance of hospitals including establishing classifications of different types of hospitals.

Present law prohibits LDH from promulgating a rule to require a rural hospital to maintain a healthcare professional with credentials to administer obstetric anesthesia on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week in order for the hospital to qualify for Level III, neonatal, or obstetric medical services.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective January 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 40:2109(B)(6))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Change the effective date to January 1, 2026.