

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Bill
No. 607 by Representative Zeringue

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 12 through 19 and insert the following:

"(1) "Affiliate" means a person, trust, or form of legal entity or legal association, whether operated for-profit or not-for-profit that is all of the following:

(a) Connected to another entity through ownership, control, or a shared relationship as evidenced by any of the following:

(i) If an entity directly or indirectly, through its governing board members or executive officers, owns five percent or more of any class of ownership or membership interest of the other person, trust, or form of legal entity or legal association, whether voting or non-voting.

(ii) If an entity has "control" over the affiliate. Control shall be deemed to exist when one entity, directly or indirectly, is controlled by or is under common control with another entity. Control can be established through ownership of voting interests, contractual relationships, financial relationships, coordinated operations, or other means.

(iii) If an entity has a shared relationship with the affiliate. A shared relationship means any relationship or connection between entities that creates a meaningful association or influence, even absent ownership or control. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, and by way of illustration and not limitation, a shared relationship includes entities such as subsidiaries, parent entities, sister companies, executive officers, members, or directors; shared resources and facilities; support of a mutual mission or common goals; shared assets; financial relationships as creditor and borrower or landlord and tenant; collaborative arrangements including but not limited to any agreement provided for in accordance with R.S. 46:1077; a history of acting in concert or corroboration; contractual relationships that create mutual obligations and benefits; management and service agreements between the entities; shared leadership; familial relationships amongst any of the foregoing; and any other relationship or evidence of any form of significant influence by one entity over another entity's operations or decision-making processes. The mere existence of a contractual relationship between an entity and hospital service district does not establish a shared relationship.

(b) Created by or caused to be created by a parish governing authority, hospital service district, the governmental authority that created the hospital service district, or commissioner or officer of a hospital service district."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, delete lines 1 through 22 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 7, between lines 26 and 27, insert the following:

"Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall not apply to any healthcare facility that was located, established, and in actual operation by a hospital service district or an affiliate of the hospital service district within the geographic territory of another hospital service district without the written consent of the impacted hospital district prior to the effective date of this Act; provided, however unless the location, establishment, or operation of the healthcare facility established without the written consent of the impacted hospital service district has been enjoined by a court order, declared in violation of law by a court order,

1 terminated by written agreement between the parties, or has otherwise permanently ceased
2 operations and all signs have been removed prior to the commencement of an action by an
3 impacted hospital district, an impacted hospital service district may open the same number
4 of healthcare facilities in the geographical boundaries of the offending hospital service
5 district without regard to the provisions of this Act."

6 AMENDMENT NO. 4

7 On page 7, line 27, change "Section 2." to "Section 3."