RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Relative to caregiver registries, <u>existing law</u> defines "department", "financial viability", "home- and community-based service provider", "home- and community-based services", and "infirm elderly".

<u>New law</u> modifies the home- and community-based service provider definition by providing that a home- and community-based service provider does not include a caregiver registry, a caregiver, or an individual who is referred to a caregiver.

<u>New law</u> defines a caregiver as a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, certified nursing assistant, personal care attendant, direct service worker, home health aide, companion, or homemaker.

<u>New law</u> defines a caregiver registry as a person or legal entity that establishes a registry that facilitates referrals or matches between individuals seeking caregivers and caregivers whose services are not reimbursed by a federal or state government program.

New law prohibits a caregiver registry from participating in any of the following:

- (1) Employing, directing, or supervising caregivers.
- (2) Providing clinical oversight of caregivers.
- (3) Dictating any term or condition of a referred or matched caregiver's care relationship with an individual to whom the caregiver is referred or matched.

<u>New law</u> requires a caregiver registry to provide information regarding licensed healthcare providers and facilities through which the caregiver may need to operate to provide caregiving services.

<u>New law</u> requires a caregiver registry to conduct a background check on the healthcare providers listed on the registry.

<u>New law</u> prohibits the caregiver registry from referring a caregiver to a licensed healthcare facility.

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(Adds R.S. 40:2120.2(3)(f), (6), and (7) and 2120.8)