

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 516

BY SENATOR MYERS

HEALTH/ACC INSURANCE. Provides for licensure requirements for hospitals that provide emergency services. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:2115.34, relative to licensing requirements for hospitals that provide  
3 emergency services; to require a minimum number of inpatient hospital beds; to  
4 require a minimum number of emergency department beds; to provide for  
5 exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:2115.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§2115.34. Licensure requirements of hospitals that provide emergency services**

9 **A. No hospital license shall be issued or be renewed on or after January**  
10 **1, 2027, without meeting the following requirements:**

11 **(1) Each hospital shall maintain a minimum of thirty inpatient hospital**  
12 **beds.**

13 **(2) Each hospital shall maintain a minimum of fifteen emergency**  
14 **department beds.**

15 **(3) Each hospital shall fully comply with the requirements of the federal**  
16 **Emergency Treatment and Active Labor Act of 1986 (EMTALA), and its**  
17 **implementing regulations, regardless of whether the hospital accepts**

