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DIGEST

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Proposed law establishes state requirements to correspond with the federal requirements established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Special Focus Facility (SFF) Program which focuses on nursing homes that have a history of serious quality issues.

Proposed law requires the nursing facilities to notify prospective and current residents of participation in the program and give the residents an opportunity to transfer to another nursing facility.

Proposed law requires any nursing facility licensed by the La. Dept. of Health that is selected for participation in the SFF Program to be subject to enhanced state monitoring and other state-imposed requirements.

Proposed law requires the La. Dept. of Health to revoke the license of any nursing facility that fails to meet the requirements for graduation from the program and additional requirements imposed by the department within 18 months.

Proposed law authorizes the La. Dept. of Health to revoke the license of any nursing facility prior to 18 months if the facility is noncompliant with federal requirements or the additional requirements imposed by the department.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 40:2009.10.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Removes candidates for the Special Focus Facility Program from the requirements of proposed law.

2. Changes requirements for staffing increases required for nursing facilities in the program.

3. Removes prohibition on nursing facilities being allowed to enter the program more

than once.

4. Removes provisions relative to nursing facilities that graduate from the program and continue to have performance issues.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Changes state requirements for a nursing facility in the program.

2. Authorizes the La. Dept. of Health to take action against a noncompliant nursing facility before 18 months.