

Report: Act 324 of the 2018 Regular Session

Expedited Licensing Process for Healthcare Providers Licensed by the Louisiana Department of Health

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House Bill 539 by Representative Walt Leger, III, was signed into law by Governor John Bel Edwards on May 15, 2018, and became Act 324 of the 2018 Regular Session. Act 324 authorized the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) to establish an expedited licensing process for healthcare facilities and providers licensed by LDH.

Pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, LDH published a Notice of Intent in the Louisiana Register, Vol. 44, No. 09, at page 1719, on September 20, 2018. After public comment period and public hearing, LDH published the Final Rule in the Louisiana Register, Vol. 44, No. 12, at page 2159, on December 20, 2018.

The Final Rule on the Expedited Licensing Process set forth the process for expedited licensing, the fees for expedited licensing (within the statutorily authorized limits of Act 324), and the expedited survey process.

To date, one healthcare provider has taken advantage of the expedited licensing fee process.