

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2018 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Committee on Health Policy**

**HB 283 — Cardiac Programs**

by Rep. Raschein (SB 408 by Senator Flores)

HB 283 exempts from certain patient volume requirements a hospital seeking to establish a Level 1 adult cardiovascular services program if that hospital is located more than 100 road miles from the closest Level II adult cardiovascular services program. The hospital must demonstrate that it has, for the most recent 12-month period, provided a minimum of 100 adult inpatient and outpatient diagnostic cardiac catheterizations or that, for the most recent 12-month period, it has discharged or transferred at least 300 patients with the principal diagnosis of ischemic heart disease. A Level 1 adult cardiovascular services program provides diagnostic and therapeutic cardiac catheterization procedures, but does not perform open heart surgery.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2018.

*Vote: Senate 35-0; House 114-0*