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Representative Frishe offered the following:

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## Amendment (with title amendments)

Between lines 800 and 801, insert:

Section 18. Section 429.195, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

429.195 Rebates prohibited; penalties.-

(1) It is unlawful for <u>an</u> <u>any</u> assisted living facility licensed under this part to contract or promise to pay or receive any commission, bonus, kickback, or rebate or engage in any split-fee arrangement in any form whatsoever with any <u>person</u>, health care provider, or health care facility as <u>provided under s. 817.505</u> physician, surgeon, organization, agency, or person, either directly or indirectly, for residents referred to an assisted living facility licensed under this part. A facility may employ or contract with persons to market 012657

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the facility, provided the employee or contract provider clearly indicates that he or she represents the facility. A person or agency independent of the facility may provide placement or referral services for a fee to individuals seeking assistance in finding a suitable facility; however, any fee paid for placement or referral services must be paid by the individual looking for a facility, not by the facility.

- (2) This section does not apply to:
- (a) An individual employed by the assisted living facility, or with whom the facility contracts to provide marketing services for the facility, if the individual clearly indicates that he or she works with or for the facility.
- (b) Payments by an assisted living facility to a referral service that provides information, consultation, or referrals to consumers to assist them in finding appropriate care or housing options for seniors or disabled adults if the referred consumers are not Medicaid recipients.
- (c) A resident of an assisted living facility who refers a friend, family members, or other individuals with whom the resident has a personal relationship to the assisted living facility, in which case the assisted living facility may provide a monetary reward to the resident for making such referral.
- $\underline{(3)}$  (2) A violation of this section <u>is</u> shall be considered patient brokering and is punishable as provided in s. 817.505.

Between lines 872 and 873, insert:

Section 22. Paragraph (j) is added to subsection (3) of section 817.505, Florida Statutes, to read:

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- (3) This section shall not apply to:
- (j) Any exemptions relating to assisted living facilities provided under s. 429.195(2).

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## TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove line 45 and insert:

having a value of \$10 or less; amending s. 429.195, F.S.; revising provisions prohibiting certain rebates relating to assisted living facilities; amending ss. 430.80,

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Remove line 50 and insert:

nursing home administrator applicants; amending s. 817.505, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made

by the act; providing an