

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/CS/HB 1159, Engrossed 2 (CS/CS/SB 1482, 1st Eng.)

INTRODUCER: Health and Human Services Subcommittee; Health Innovation Subcommittee; and Rep. O'Toole (Judiciary Committee; Health Policy Committee; and Senator Hays)

SUBJECT: Health Care Facilities

DATE: May 3, 2013

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 - 400799 to Senate Amendment 1 – 885832 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 deletes provisions that would allow the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) to receive state funding as well as funding from pharmaceutical companies and prescription drug manufacturers. However, this amendment grants the Department of Health \$500,000 in non-recurring general revenue funds to administer the PDMP.

This amendment also reinserts provisions struck by Senate amendment 1 that allow a specialty licensed children's hospitals to provide OB services to up to 10 women who have medical advice or a diagnosis indicating that the fetus may require at least one perinatal intervention.

The amendment further inserts provisions that create the Cancer Treatment Fairness Act. The amendment requires individual and group health insurance policies or health maintenance contracts that provide coverage for cancer treatment medications to provide coverage for oral medications in a manner no less favorable than those provided intravenously or infused. The amendment also prohibits insurers and health maintenance organizations (HMOs) from increasing or varying the cost sharing for intravenous or injectable medications in order to comply with the changes in this legislation. Insurers and HMOs are also prohibited from providing any incentive, recommending a service, or changing the classification of any medication in order to meet the requirements, except that the amendment exempts grandfathered health plans and supplemental limited benefit plans. Also, there is a \$50 per month threshold for certain monthly oral cancer treatment cost sharing responsibilities. The Cancer Treatment Fairness Act will be effective July 1, 2014.