By Senator Detert

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to home medical equipment; amending s. 400.925, F.S.; redefining the term "home medical equipment provider"; exempting medical practices owned by allopathic, osteopathic, or chiropractic physicians, as well as medical practices owned by physicians and certain family members of such physicians, which sell or rent home medical equipment or services from the requirement that they be licensed as home medical equipment providers; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 400.925, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

400.925 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

- (7) "Home medical equipment provider" means any person or entity, other than a medical practice that is wholly owned by one or more physicians licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, or chapter 460, or by a physician and the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of the physician, which that sells or rents or offers to sell or rent to or for a consumer:
 - (a) Any home medical equipment and services; or
- (b) Home medical equipment that requires any home medical equipment services.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.