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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to ambulatory surgical centers;
 3 amending s. 395.002, F.S.; providing for patient
 4 discharge within a specified number of hours after
 5 admission to an ambulatory surgical center in
 6 conformance with federal law; providing an effective
 7 date.

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

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 11 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 395.002, Florida
 12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 395.002 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

14 (3) "Ambulatory surgical center" or "mobile surgical
 15 facility" means a facility the primary purpose of which is to
 16 provide elective surgical care, in which the patient is admitted
 17 to and discharged from such facility pursuant to 42 C.F.R. s.
 18 416.2 ~~within the same working day and is not permitted to stay~~
 19 ~~overnight~~, and which is not part of a hospital. However, a
 20 facility existing for the primary purpose of performing
 21 terminations of pregnancy, an office maintained by a physician
 22 for the practice of medicine, or an office maintained for the
 23 practice of dentistry shall not be construed to be an ambulatory
 24 surgical center, provided that any facility or office which is
 25 certified or seeks certification as a Medicare ambulatory
 26 surgical center shall be licensed as an ambulatory surgical

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27 center pursuant to s. 395.003. Any structure or vehicle in which
28 a physician maintains an office and practices surgery, and which
29 can appear to the public to be a mobile office because the
30 structure or vehicle operates at more than one address, shall be
31 construed to be a mobile surgical facility.

32 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.