

Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

HB 7073 — Ratification of a Department of Elder Affairs Rule and a Department of Health Rule

by Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee; and Representative Grant, M. (CS/SB 7020 by Rules Committee and Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee)

HB 7073 ratifies Rule 58M-2.009, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), adopted by the Department of Elder Affairs. The adopted rule establishes standards of practice to provide a level of accountability for professional guardians while avoiding the imposition of unnecessary regulations on the guardians. The ratification of this rule allows for the oversight of professional guardians by the Office of Public and Professional Guardians in the Department of Elder Affairs.

The bill also ratifies Rule 64B8-9.009, F.A.C., adopted by the Department of Health and the Board of Medicine for the Standard of Care for Office Surgery. This adopted rule requires two additional drugs be maintained in the office when performing Level I office surgery. These drugs will be available to counteract any overdoses from sedation medication. Level I office surgery includes minor procedures with minimal sedation or topical or local anesthesia where the chances of complication requiring hospitalization are remote.

The Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs developed by each department determined that the proposed rules will likely increase regulatory costs on the regulated entities by more than \$1 million in the aggregate over the next five years. Pursuant to s. 120.541, F.S., such rules must be ratified by the Legislature before they may go into effect.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 35-0; House 119-0