

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2015 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

CS/SB 904 — Home Health Services

by Health Policy Committee and Senator Bean

The bill (Chapter 2015-66, L.O.F.) amends ss. 400.462 and 400.506, F.S., to allow a nurse registry to operate one or more satellite offices within the same health service planning district as the registry's licensed operational site. The nurse registry may store supplies and records, register and process contractors, and conduct business by telephone at the satellite site as well as advertise the location of the satellite site to the public. However, the nurse registry must use the operational site for all administrative functions and to store all original records.

The bill requires the nurse registry to notify the Agency for Health Care Administration of a change of address of its operational site and when opening a satellite office. Before relocating its operational site or opening a satellite office, the nurse registry must submit evidence of its legal right to use the proposed property and proof that the proposed property is in an area zoned for use as a nurse registry.

The bill also amends s. 400.464, F.S., to allow home health agencies to operate one or more related offices in the health service planning district, rather than in the same county, as the agency's main office without requiring an additional license for each related office.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2015.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 118-0