

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to transitional living  
3           facilities for brain-injured and  
4           spinal-cord-injured persons; amending s.  
5           400.805, F.S.; providing for the regulation of  
6           transitional living facilities; providing for  
7           right of entry and inspection; providing for  
8           injunctive proceedings; providing for a  
9           moratorium on admissions; amending s. 413.49,  
10          F.S.; providing duties of transitional living  
11          facilities to provide certain therapies and  
12          plans; amending s. 413.605, F.S.; providing  
13          additional duties of the advisory council on  
14          brain and spinal cord injuries; providing an  
15          effective date.

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

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19           Section 1. Present subsection (7) of section 400.805,  
20 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (10) and new  
21 subsections (7), (8), and (9) are added to that section to  
22 read:

23           400.805 Transitional living facilities.--  
24           (7) Any designated officer or employee of the agency,  
25 of the state or of the local fire marshal, may enter  
26 unannounced upon and into the premises of any facility  
27 licensed under this section in order to determine the state of  
28 compliance with this section and the rules or standards in  
29 force under this section. The right of entry and inspection  
30 also extends to any premises that the agency has reason to  
31 believe are being operated or maintained as a facility without

1 a license; but such an entry or inspection may not be made  
2 without the permission of the owner or person in charge of the  
3 facility unless a warrant that authorizes the entry is first  
4 obtained from the circuit court. The warrant requirement  
5 extends only to a facility that the agency has reason to  
6 believe is being operated or maintained as a facility without  
7 a license. An application for a license or renewal thereof  
8 which is made under this section constitutes permission for,  
9 and acquiescence in, any entry or inspection of the premises  
10 for which the license is sought, in order to facilitate  
11 verification of the information submitted on or in connection  
12 with the application; to discover, investigate, and determine  
13 the existence of abuse or neglect; or to elicit, receive,  
14 respond to, and resolve complaints. A current valid license  
15 constitutes unconditional permission for, and acquiescence in,  
16 any entry or inspection of the premises by authorized  
17 personnel. The agency retains the right of entry and  
18 inspection of facilities that have had a license revoked or  
19 suspended within the previous 24 months, to ensure that the  
20 facility is not operating unlawfully. However, before the  
21 facility is entered, a statement of probable cause must be  
22 filed with the director of the agency, who must approve or  
23 disapprove the action within 48 hours. Probable cause  
24 includes, but is not limited to, evidence that the facility  
25 holds itself out to the public as a provider of personal  
26 assistance services, or the receipt by the advisory council on  
27 brain and spinal cord injuries of a complaint about the  
28 facility.

29 (8) The agency may institute injunctive proceedings in  
30 a court of competent jurisdiction for temporary or permanent  
31 relief to:

1           (a) Enforce this section or any minimum standard,  
2 rule, or order issued pursuant thereto if the agency's effort  
3 to correct a violation through administrative fines has failed  
4 or when the violation materially affects the health, safety,  
5 or welfare of residents; or

6           (b) Terminate the operation of a facility if a  
7 violation of this section or of any standard or rule adopted  
8 pursuant thereto exists which materially affects the health,  
9 safety, or welfare of residents.

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11 The Legislature recognizes that, in some instances, action is  
12 necessary to protect residents of facilities from immediately  
13 life-threatening situations. If it appears by competent  
14 evidence or a sworn, substantiated affidavit that a temporary  
15 injunction should issue, the court, pending the determination  
16 on final hearing, shall enjoin operation of the facility.

17           (9) The agency may impose an immediate moratorium on  
18 admissions to a facility when the agency determines that any  
19 condition in the facility presents a threat to the health,  
20 safety, or welfare of the residents in the facility. If a  
21 facility's license is denied, revoked, or suspended, the  
22 facility may be subject to the immediate imposition of a  
23 moratorium on admissions to run concurrently with licensure  
24 denial, revocation, or suspension.

25           Section 2. Section 413.49, Florida Statutes, is  
26 amended to read:

27           413.49 Duties and responsibilities of the division, of  
28 transitional living facilities, and of residents.--Consistent  
29 with the mandate of s. 413.46, the division shall develop and  
30 administer a multilevel treatment program for persons who have  
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1 brain or spinal cord injuries and who are referred to the  
2 brain and spinal cord injury program.

3 (1) Within 15 days after any report of a person who  
4 has a brain or spinal cord injury, the division shall notify  
5 the individual or the most immediate available family members  
6 of their right to assistance from the state, the services  
7 available, and the eligibility requirements.

8 (2) The division shall refer persons who have brain or  
9 spinal cord injuries to other state agencies to assure that  
10 rehabilitative services, if desired, are obtained by that  
11 person.

12 (3) The division, in consultation with emergency  
13 medical service, shall develop standards for an emergency  
14 medical evacuation system that will ensure that all persons  
15 who sustain traumatic brain or spinal cord injuries are  
16 transported to a division-approved trauma center that meets  
17 the standards and criteria established by the emergency  
18 medical service and the acute-care standards of the brain and  
19 spinal cord injury program.

20 (4) The division shall develop standards for  
21 designation of rehabilitation centers to provide  
22 rehabilitation services for persons who have brain or spinal  
23 cord injuries.

24 (5) The division shall determine the appropriate  
25 number of designated acute-care facilities, inpatient  
26 rehabilitation centers, and outpatient rehabilitation centers,  
27 needed based on incidence, volume of admissions, and other  
28 appropriate criteria.

29 (6) The division shall develop standards for  
30 designation of transitional living facilities to provide  
31 individuals the opportunity to adjust to their disabilities

1 and to develop physical and functional skills in a supported  
2 living environment.

3 (a) The Agency for Health Care Administration, in  
4 consultation with the division, shall develop rules for the  
5 licensure of transitional living facilities for persons who  
6 have brain or spinal cord injuries.

7 (b) The goal of a transitional living program for  
8 persons who have brain or spinal cord injuries is to assist  
9 each person who has such a disability to achieve a higher  
10 level of independent functioning and to enable that person to  
11 reenter the community. The program shall be focused on  
12 preparing participants to return to community living.

13 (c) A transitional living facility for a person who  
14 has a brain or spinal cord injury shall provide to such  
15 person, in a residential setting, a ~~time-limited,~~  
16 goal-oriented treatment program designed to improve the  
17 person's physical, cognitive, communicative, behavioral,  
18 psychological, and social functioning, as well as to provide  
19 necessary support and supervision. A transitional living  
20 facility shall offer at least the following therapies:  
21 physical, occupational, speech, neuropsychology, independent  
22 living skills training, behavior analysis for programs serving  
23 brain-injured persons, health education, and recreation.

24 (d) All residents shall use the transitional living  
25 facility as a temporary measure and not as a permanent home or  
26 domicile. The transitional living facility shall develop an  
27 initial treatment plan for each resident within 3 days after  
28 the resident's admission. The transitional living facility  
29 shall develop a comprehensive plan of treatment and a  
30 discharge plan for each resident as soon as practical but no  
31 later than 30 days after the resident's admission. Each

1 comprehensive treatment plan and discharge plan must be  
2 reviewed and updated as necessary but no less often than  
3 quarterly. This subsection does not require the discharge of  
4 an individual who continues to require any of the specialized  
5 services described in paragraph (c) or who is making  
6 measurable progress in accordance with that individual's  
7 comprehensive treatment plan. The transitional living facility  
8 shall discharge any individual who has an appropriate  
9 discharge site and who has achieved the goals of his or her  
10 discharge plan or who is no longer making progress toward the  
11 goals established in the comprehensive treatment plan and the  
12 discharge plan. The discharge location must be the least  
13 restrictive environment in which an individual's health,  
14 well-being, and safety is preserved.

15 (7) Recipients of services, under this section, from  
16 any of the facilities referred to in this section shall pay a  
17 fee based on ability to pay.

18 Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 413.605, Florida  
19 Statutes, is amended to read:

20 413.605 Advisory council on brain and spinal cord  
21 injuries.--

22 (4) The council shall:

23 (a) Provide advice and expertise to the division in  
24 the preparation, implementation, and periodic review of the  
25 brain and spinal cord injury program as referenced in s.  
26 413.49.

27 (b) Annually appoint a five-member committee composed  
28 of one person who has a brain injury or has a family member  
29 with a brain injury, one person who has a spinal cord injury  
30 or has a family member with a spinal cord injury, and three  
31 members who shall be chosen from among these representative

1 groups: physicians, other allied health professionals,  
2 administrators of brain and spinal cord injury programs, and  
3 representatives from support groups with expertise in areas  
4 related to the rehabilitation of persons who have brain or  
5 spinal cord injuries, except that one and only one member of  
6 the committee shall be an administrator of a transitional  
7 living facility. Membership on the council is not a  
8 prerequisite for membership on this committee.

9 1. The committee shall perform onsite visits to those  
10 transitional living facilities identified by the Agency for  
11 Health Care Administration as being in possible violation of  
12 the statutes and rules regulating such facilities. The  
13 committee members have the same rights of entry and inspection  
14 granted under s. 400.805(7) to designated representatives of  
15 the agency.

16 2. Factual findings of the committee resulting from an  
17 onsite investigation of a facility pursuant to subparagraph 1.  
18 shall be adopted by the agency in developing its  
19 administrative response regarding enforcement of statutes and  
20 rules regulating the operation of the facility.

21 3. Onsite investigations by the committee shall be  
22 funded by the Health Care Trust Fund.

23 4. Travel expenses for committee members shall be  
24 reimbursed in accordance with s. 112.061. Members of the  
25 committee shall recuse themselves from participating in any  
26 investigation that would create a conflict of interest under  
27 state law, and the council shall replace the member, either  
28 temporarily or permanently.

29 Section 4. This act shall take effect October 1, 1998.  
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