

By the Committee on Health Care and Senator Brown-Waite

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the regulation of health care professionals; creating s. 455.569, F.S.; providing for the revocation of the licenses of health care professionals who are convicted of sexual misconduct; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 455.569, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

455.569 Sexual misconduct; revocation of license, certificate, or registration.--Notwithstanding any other law, each board within the jurisdiction of the Department of Health, or the department if there is no board, shall permanently revoke the license, certificate, or registration of any health care practitioner or other licensee under the jurisdiction of the Division of Medical Quality Assurance of the Department of Health who has been found by the board, or the department if there is no board, to have been convicted or found guilty of, or entered a plea of nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a felony in any jurisdiction which directly relates to sexual misconduct in the practice of that profession.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
Senate Bill 248

The committee substitute creates s. 455.569, F.S., to require each board within the Department of Health or the department, if there is no board, to permanently revoke the license, certificate, or registration of any health care professional who has been found by his or her regulatory board or the department, as appropriate, to have been convicted or found guilty of, or entered a plea of nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, to a felony in any jurisdiction which directly relates to sexual misconduct in the practice of that profession. The committee substitute no longer defines sexual misconduct for purposes of licensure revocation of health care professionals under the department's regulatory jurisdiction.