

By the Committee on Elder Affairs & Long Term Care and
Representative Roberts-Burke

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to adult family-care homes;
3 amending s. 400.6211, F.S.; requiring the
4 Department of Elderly Affairs to inform
5 providers of financial assistance that may be
6 available to certain residents; directing the
7 department to study the concept of "aging in
8 place" and how to apply it to adult family-care
9 homes; providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Subsections (3) and (4) of section
14 400.6211, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4)
15 and (5), respectively, and a new subsection (3) is added to
16 said section to read:

17 400.6211 Training and education programs.--

18 (3) The department, in consultation with the
19 Department of Children and Family Services, shall provide
20 adult family-care home providers with an explanation of
21 financial assistance and other benefits, including food
22 stamps, which may be available to a recipient of supplemental
23 security income (SSI) who resides in an adult family-care
24 home.

25 Section 2. The Department of Elderly Affairs, in
26 consultation with the Agency for Health Care Administration
27 and operators of adult family-care homes, shall study how to
28 apply the concept of "aging in place" to adult family-care
29 homes licensed pursuant to part VII of chapter 400, Florida
30 Statutes, and the feasibility of creating a new licensure
31 category within the adult family-care home program comparable

1 to the extended congregate care program under the licensure of
2 assisted living facilities in part III of chapter 400, Florida
3 Statutes. The department shall recommend to the Legislature
4 any law, rule, or policy changes which would be necessary to
5 allow a person living in an adult family-care home to remain
6 there even as the person's health declines and frailty
7 increases. The department shall make recommendations as to
8 how an adult family-care home can provide the level of care
9 authorized in an assisted living facility licensed as an
10 extended congregate care facility pursuant to part III of
11 chapter 400, Florida Statutes. The department shall consult
12 with the committees of the House of Representatives and the
13 Senate which have jurisdiction in this area. The department
14 shall prepare recommendations concerning the levels of frailty
15 or impairment which are appropriate for this care setting.
16 Further, the department may recommend legislative action that
17 may be necessary.

18 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
19 law.

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