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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to hospitals; amending s.  
3           395.0191, F.S.; providing for staff membership  
4           and clinical privileges for licensed  
5           optometrists; providing an effective date.  
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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9           Section 1. Subsections (1) and (4) of section  
10          395.0191, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

11           395.0191 Staff membership and clinical privileges.--

12           (1) No licensed facility, in considering and acting  
13          upon an application for staff membership or clinical  
14          privileges, shall deny the application of a qualified doctor  
15          of medicine licensed under chapter 458, a doctor of osteopathy  
16          licensed under chapter 459, a doctor of dentistry licensed  
17          under chapter 466, a doctor of podiatry licensed under chapter  
18          461, a doctor of optometry licensed under chapter 463, or a  
19          psychologist licensed under chapter 490 for such staff  
20          membership or clinical privileges within the scope of his or  
21          her respective licensure solely because the applicant is  
22          licensed under any of such chapters.

23           (4) Nothing herein shall restrict in any way the  
24          authority of the medical staff of a licensed facility to  
25          review for approval or disapproval all applications for  
26          appointment and reappointment to all categories of staff and  
27          to make recommendations on each applicant to the governing  
28          board, including the delineation of privileges to be granted  
29          in each case. In making such recommendations and in the  
30          delineation of privileges, each applicant shall be considered  
31          individually pursuant to criteria for a doctor licensed under

1 chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 461, chapter 463, or chapter  
2 466, or for an advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed  
3 and certified under chapter 464, or for a psychologist  
4 licensed under chapter 490, as applicable. The applicant's  
5 eligibility for staff membership or clinical privileges shall  
6 be determined by the applicant's background, experience,  
7 health, training, and demonstrated competency; the applicant's  
8 adherence to applicable professional ethics; the applicant's  
9 reputation; and the applicant's ability to work with others  
10 and by such other elements as determined by the governing  
11 board, consistent with this part.

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Prohibits hospitals and other facilities licensed under  
chapter 395, F.S., from denying staff membership and  
clinical privileges to optometrists licensed under  
chapter 463, F.S., within the scope of said licensure,  
solely because of said licensure.