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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to patient records; amending s.
455.667, F.S.; providing that in claims for
injuries due to medical negligence, the health
care provider or his or her insurer or legal
representative may obtain records and interview
certain other health care providers; providing
an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (19) is added to section
455.667, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, to read:

455.667 Ownership and control of patient records;
report or copies of records to be furnished.--

(19) Notwithstanding any provision of law, whenever a
claim for personal injury or death is brought as a result of
alleged negligence by a health care provider as defined by s.
766.101(1)(b), the defendant health care provider or the
defendant health care provider's insurer or legal
representative may interview and obtain records from other
health care providers involved in the patient's care.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
law.

SENATE SUMMARY

Provides that in claims for injuries due to medical
negligence, the health care provider or his or her
insurer or legal representative may interview and obtain
records from any other health care provider involved in
the patient's care.