Bill No. CS for SB 2448 Amendment No. 2 CHAMBER ACTION Senate House 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Productivity 11 recommended the following amendment: 12 13 14 Senate Amendment (with title amendment) On page 11, between lines 4 and 5, 15 16 17 insert: 18 Section 10. Subsection (2) of section 455.601, Florida 19 Statutes, is created to read: 20 455.601 Hepatitis B or human immunodeficiency 21 carriers.--22 (1) The department and each appropriate board within the Division of Medical Quality Assurance shall have the 23 24 authority to establish procedures to handle, counsel, and 25 provide other services to health care professionals within 26 their respective boards who are infected with hepatitis B or 27 the human immunodeficiency virus. 28 (2) Any person licensed by the department and any 29 other person employed by a health care facility who contracts 30 a blood-borne infection shall have a rebuttable presumption 31 that the illness was contracted in the course and scope of his 1 10:14 PM 04/20/99 s2448.go.02 Bill No. <u>CS for SB 2448</u> Amendment No. 2

or her employment when the person reports one or more specific significant exposures to the infection as defined in s. 381.004. The employer may rebut the presumption by the preponderance of the evidence. Except as expressly provided in this subsection, there shall be no presumption that such infection is a job-related illness. (Redesignate subsequent sections.) And the title is amended as follows: On page 2, line 8, after the semicolon insert: amending s. 455.601, F.S.; providing that certain licensees and employees of health care facilities who contract blood-borne infections have a rebuttable presumption that the illness was contracted in the course of employment under certain circumstances; 

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