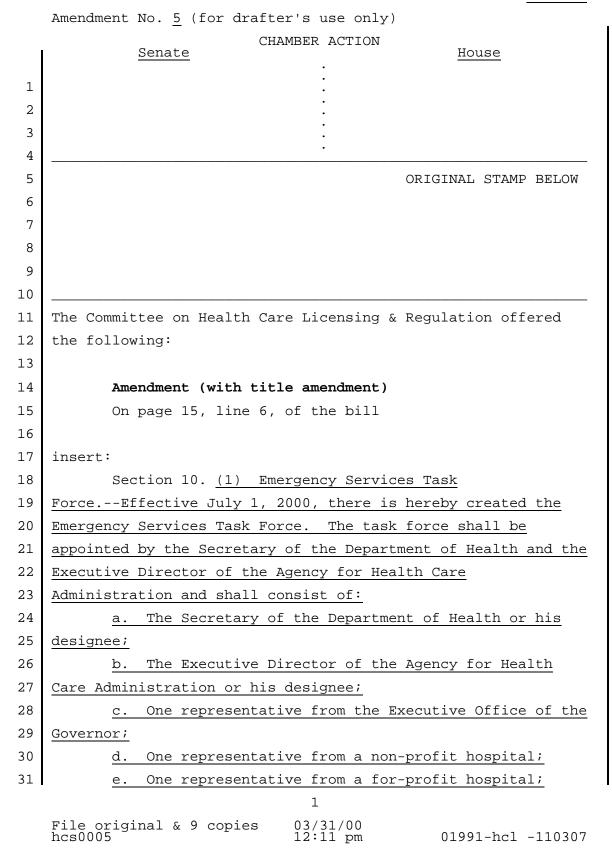
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One representative from a statutory rural hospital; 1 f. 2 One representative from a statutory teaching g. 3 hospital; 4 h. One emergency physician; 5 Two physicians from a specialty utilized in the i. provision of emergency services and care; 6 7 One physician representing the Board of Medicine; j. 8 k. One representative from a private emergency medical 9 services provider; 10 1. One representative from a county emergency medical 11 services provider; 12 m. One representative from a municipality emergency 13 medical services provider; and One emergency medical services medical director. 14 n. 15 (2) Sponsoring agencies or organizations must fund the travel and related expenses of their appointed members on the 16 17 commission. The task force shall be staffed by employees of 18 the Department of Health. 19 (3) The task force shall study and make 20 recommendations concerning: a. Trends and issues relating to legislative, 21 22 regulatory, or private sector solutions for handling staffing and coverage of physicians and other ancillary services and 23 24 providers relative to provision of hospital-based emergency 25 services and care. Trends and issues relating to legislative, 26 b. 27 regulatory, local community, or other solutions for the handling of hospital diversion of emergency medical services 28 29 or closure of hospital emergency departments. 30 The impact of unfunded mandates and uncompensated c. care on the provision of emergency services and care, 31 2 File original & 9 copies 03/31/00 hcs0005 12:11 pm 01991-hcl -110307

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including but not limited to the costs of uncompensated or 1 2 under-compensated care borne by physicians, hospitals, and 3 emergency medical services providers in Florida relative to 4 emergency services and care; the impact of uncompensated or under-compensated care on maintaining hospital-based emergency 5 services and care; the costs and effects of financing б 7 24-hour-a-day, 365-days-a-year availability of emergency 8 services and care; the costs and availability of physician coverage; and the impact of uncompensated or under-compensated 9 10 care on emergency medical services. 11 d. The factors affecting specialty physician coverage 12 of emergency services and care and recommendations for 13 addressing specialty physician emergency care coverage in Florida hospitals or communities. 14 15 e. The factors affecting diversion of emergency medical services or closing of hospitals to emergency medical 16 17 services and recommendations that address the handling of such 18 occurrences relative to the continued provision of emergency medical services within the community, and development of 19 recommendations relative to policies or procedures relative to 20 handling such diversion or closing of hospital emergency 21 22 medical facilities. The advisory group shall be appointed and convened 23 (4) 24 by July 1, 2000, and shall meet in Tallahassee or in other 25 areas of the state as agreed upon by the Secretary of the Department of Health and the Executive Director of the Agency 26 27 for Health Care Administration. The advisory group shall submit its recommendations in a report, by January 1, 2001, to 28 29 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of 30 Representatives. This provision shall be repealed on July 1, 31 2001.

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(Renumber subsequent sections) And the title is amended as follows: б On page 1, line 24, after "references;" insert: creating the Emergency Services Task Force; 

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