By the Committee on Health Care Licensing & Regulation and
Representatives Argenio, Henriquez, Byrd, Fasano and Peaden

1   A bill to be entitled

2   An act relating to reprocessed medical devices;

3   authorizing use of certain reprocessed medical

4   devices in the state; requiring compliance with

5   certain reprocessing requirements; providing an

6   effective date.

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8   WHEREAS, medical device manufacturers have designated

9   certain medical devices as "single-use only," and

10   WHEREAS, a significant body of peer-reviewed scientific

11   research demonstrates that some medical devices labeled as

12   "single-use only" can be properly reprocessed and reused, with

13   no added risk to patient safety, and

14   WHEREAS, the unnecessary disposal of certain medical

15   devices labeled as "single-use only" exacerbates Florida's

16   growing environmental waste problem and leads to increased

17   medical care costs, and

18   WHEREAS, proper reprocessing of certain medical devices

19   labeled as "single-use only" is a patient-safe practice that

20   enables Florida hospitals to achieve significant cost savings,

21   NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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25   Section 1. The use of reprocessed medical devices,

26   originally labeled as "single-use only," is permitted in the

27   state, provided that the reprocessing of such devices is

28   performed in compliance with the applicable requirements

29   enforced by the United States Food and Drug Administration or,

30   in the case of hemodialyzers, provided that such reprocessing

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1 is performed in compliance with the guidelines adopted by the
2 Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation.
3   Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
4 law.
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