

By the Committee on Health, Aging and Long-Term Care

317-1448-01

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to long-term care; providing  
3           legislative findings with respect to the needs  
4           of the state's elderly population; requesting  
5           that the Governor establish an interagency  
6           panel to make recommendations for coordinating  
7           the services provided by state agencies and  
8           increasing the quality of care provided to the  
9           elderly; requiring the Agency for Health Care  
10          Administration and the Department of Elderly  
11          Affairs to improve enforcement of regulatory  
12          standards and adopt rules governing nursing  
13          homes and assisted living facilities; providing  
14          legislative findings and intent with respect to  
15          lawsuits and the liability of nursing homes and  
16          assisted living facilities; providing an  
17          effective date.

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

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21           Section 1. The Legislature finds that Florida does not  
22 have a comprehensive strategy for economically and efficiently  
23 meeting the needs of an increasingly elderly population. The  
24 Legislature therefore requests the Governor to establish an  
25 interagency panel consisting of representatives from the  
26 Agency for Health Care Administration, the Department of  
27 Elderly Affairs, and the Department of Children and Family  
28 Services, which shall analyze the state's long-term-care  
29 system and make recommendations for ensuring coordination  
30 among the agencies responsible for the long-term-care  
31 continuum and make recommendations to executive agencies and

