

HB 1029 2003 **CS** 

CHAMBER ACTION

The Committee on State Administration recommends the following:

## Committee Substitute

Remove the entire bill and insert:

## A bill to be entitled

 An act relating to notification of an adverse incident provided to the Agency for Health Care Administration; amending s. 395.0198, F.S., which provides an exemption from public records requirements for information contained in a notification of an adverse incident; removing the October 2, 2003, repeal thereof scheduled pursuant to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995; providing that such information is discoverable or admissible in a disciplinary proceeding by the Department of Health; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding the October 2, 2003, repeal of said section scheduled pursuant to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995, section 395.0198, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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395.0198 Notification of adverse incident; public records exemption .-- The information contained in the notification of an adverse incident, which is required under s. 395.0197(7) and provided to the Agency for Health Care Administration by a facility licensed under this chapter is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. In addition, the information is not discoverable or admissible in a civil or administrative action, unless the action is a disciplinary proceeding by the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Department of Health, or the appropriate regulatory board. The information may not be made available to the public as part of the record of investigation or prosecution in a disciplinary proceeding which is made available by the Agency for Health Care Administration or a regulatory board. This exemption is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2003, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2003.