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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.

13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 14

15 Section 1. Notwithstanding the October 2, 2003, repeal of 16 said section scheduled pursuant to the Open Government Sunset 17 Review Act of 1995, section 395.0198, Florida Statutes, is 18 amended to read:

19 395.0198 Notification of adverse incident; public records 20 exemption. -- The information contained in the notification of an 21 adverse incident, which is required under s. 395.0197(7) and 22 provided to the Agency for Health Care Administration by a 23 facility licensed under this chapter is confidential and exempt 24 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State 25 Constitution. In addition, the information is not discoverable 26 or admissible in a civil or administrative action, unless the 27 action is a disciplinary proceeding by the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Department of Health, or the 28

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29 appropriate regulatory board. The information may not be made 30 available to the public as part of the record of investigation 31 or prosecution in a disciplinary proceeding which is made 32 available by the Agency for Health Care Administration or a regulatory board. This exemption is subject to the Open 33 Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with s. 34 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2003, unless 35 36 reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the 37 Legislature.

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