

Amendment No. (for drafter's use only)

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Representative Gelber offered the following:

Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Between line(s) 1289 and 1290, insert:

Section 29. Effective 2 years after the effective date of this act, each insurer issuing policies of medical malpractice insurance in this state shall reduce the rates for policies issued to hospitals by at least 25 percent of the rate in effect for hospitals on the effective date of this act and for policies issued to persons licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, Florida Statutes, by at least 30 percent of the rate in effect for such persons on the effective date of this act, unless such reduction would result in rates that are inadequate for the insurer to cover projected claims. Further, prior to the reduction required by this section, the rates of all such policies may not be increased to any rate higher than the rate in effect on March 17, 2003.

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Remove line(s) 98, and insert:

realized; requiring return of excessive amounts; requiring
insurers to reduce medical malpractice insurance rates for
hospitals and licensed physicians and osteopathic physicians by
certain minimum percentages at a time certain; prohibiting
certain rate increases prior to such reduction; amending