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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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1 Representative Littlefield offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 341 and 342, insert:

5 Section 10. Subsection (5) of section 400.235, Florida
6 Statutes, is amended to read:

7 400.235 Nursing home quality and licensure status; Gold
8 Seal Program.--

9 (5) Facilities must meet the following additional criteria
10 for recognition as a Gold Seal Program facility:

11 (a) Had no class I or class II deficiencies within the 30
12 months preceding application for the program.

13 (b) Evidence financial soundness and stability according
14 to standards adopted by the agency in administrative rule. Such
15 standards must include, but not be limited to, criteria for the
16 use of financial statements that are prepared in accordance with

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17 generally accepted accounting principles and that are reviewed
18 or audited by certified public accountants. A nursing home that
19 is part of the same corporate entity as a continuing care
20 facility licensed under chapter 651 which meets the minimum
21 liquid reserve requirements specified in s. 651.035 and is
22 accredited by a recognized accrediting organization under s.
23 651.028 and rules of the Office of Insurance Regulation
24 satisfies this requirement as long as the accreditation is not
25 provisional. Facilities operated by a federal or state agency
26 are deemed to be financially stable for purposes of applying for
27 the Gold Seal.

28 (c) Participate in a consumer satisfaction process, and
29 demonstrate that information is elicited from residents, family
30 members, and guardians about satisfaction with the nursing
31 facility, its environment, the services and care provided, the
32 staff's skills and interactions with residents, attention to
33 resident's needs, and the facility's efforts to act on
34 information gathered from the consumer satisfaction measures.

35 (d) Evidence the involvement of families and members of
36 the community in the facility on a regular basis.

37 (e) Have a stable workforce, as described in s. 400.141,
38 as evidenced by a relatively low rate of turnover among
39 certified nursing assistants and licensed nurses within the 30
40 months preceding application for the Gold Seal Program, and
41 demonstrate a continuing effort to maintain a stable workforce
42 and to reduce turnover of licensed nurses and certified nursing
43 assistants.

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44 (f) Evidence an outstanding record regarding the number
45 and types of substantiated complaints reported to the State
46 Long-Term Care Ombudsman Council within the 30 months preceding
47 application for the program.

48 (g) Provide targeted inservice training provided to meet
49 training needs identified by internal or external quality
50 assurance efforts.

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52 A facility assigned a conditional licensure status may not
53 qualify for consideration for the Gold Seal Program until after
54 it has operated for 30 months with no class I or class II
55 deficiencies and has completed a regularly scheduled relicensure
56 survey.

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58 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

59 Remove line 47 and insert:
60 amending s. 400.235, F.S.; providing for financial stability for
61 Gold Seal for certain nursing facilities; providing an effective
62 date.