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<u>Senate</u> <u>House</u>

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Representative Zapata offered the following:

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Amendment (with title amendment)

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Remove everything after the enacting clause, and insert: Section 1. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 400.487, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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400.487 Home health service agreements; physician's, physician's assistant's, and advanced registered nurse practitioner's treatment orders; patient assessment; establishment and review of plan of care; provision of services; orders not to resuscitate.--

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(1) Services provided by a home health agency must be covered by an agreement between the home health agency and the patient or the patient's legal representative specifying the home health services to be provided, the rates or charges for services paid with private funds, and the sources method of

- payment, which may include Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, personal funds, or a combination thereof. A home health agency providing skilled care must make an assessment of the patient's needs within 48 hours after the start of services.
- (2) When required by the provisions of chapter 464; part I, part III, or part V of chapter 468; or chapter 486, the attending physician, physician's assistant, or advanced registered nurse practitioner, acting within his or her respective scope of practice, shall for a patient who is to receive skilled care must establish treatment orders for a patient who is to receive skilled care. The treatment orders must be signed by the physician, physician's assistant, or advanced registered nurse practitioner before a claim for payment for the skilled services is submitted by the home health agency. If the claim is submitted to a managed care organization, the treatment order must be signed in the time allowed under the provider agreement. The treatment orders shall within 30 days after the start of care and must be reviewed, as frequently as the patient's illness requires, by the physician, physician's assistant, or advanced registered nurse practitioner in consultation with the home health agency personnel that provide services to the patient.
- Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (10) and paragraph (a) of subsection (17) of section 400.506, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 400.506 Licensure of nurse registries; requirements; penalties.--

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- patient's family, or a person acting on behalf of a patient at the time of contracting for services through the nurse registry of the availability of registered nurses to make visits to the patient's home at an additional cost A registered nurse shall make monthly visits to the patient's home to assess the patient's condition and quality of care being provided by the certified nursing assistant or home health aide. Any condition which in the professional judgment of the nurse requires further medical attention shall be reported to the attending physician and the nurse registry. The assessment shall become a part of the patient's file with the nurse registry and may be reviewed by the agency during their survey procedure.
- (17) All persons referred for contract in private residences by a nurse registry must comply with the following requirements for a plan of treatment:
- (a) When, in accordance with the privileges and restrictions imposed upon a nurse under part I of chapter 464, the delivery of care to a patient is under the direction or supervision of a physician or when a physician is responsible for the medical care of the patient, a medical plan of treatment must be established for each patient receiving care or treatment provided by a licensed nurse in the home. The original medical plan of treatment must be timely signed by the physician, physician's assistant, or advanced registered nurse practitioner, acting within his or her respective scope of practice, and reviewed by him or her in consultation with the licensed nurse at least every 2 months. Any additional order or

- change in orders must be obtained from the physician, physician's assistant, or advanced registered nurse practitioner and reduced to writing and timely signed by the physician, physician's assistant, or advanced registered nurse practitioner. The delivery of care under a medical plan of treatment must be substantiated by the appropriate nursing notes or documentation made by the nurse in compliance with nursing practices established under part I of chapter 464.
- Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 464.009, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 464.009 Licensure by endorsement.--
- (1) The department shall issue the appropriate license by endorsement to practice professional or practical nursing to an applicant who, upon applying to the department and remitting a fee set by the board not to exceed \$100, demonstrates to the board that he or she:
- (c) Has actively practiced nursing in another state, jurisdiction, or territory of the United States for 2 of the preceding 3 years without having his or her license acted against by the licensing authority of any jurisdiction.

 Applicants who become licensed pursuant to this paragraph must complete within 6 months after licensure a Florida laws and rules course that is approved by the board. Once the department has received the results of the national criminal history check and has determined that the applicant has no criminal history, the appropriate license by endorsement shall be issued to the applicant. This paragraph is repealed July 1, 2004, unless reenacted by the Legislature.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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104 Remove the entire title, and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to health care; amending s. 400.487, F.S.; revising home health agency service agreements and treatment orders; amending s. 400.506, F.S.; requiring nurse registries to advise patients, their families, or persons action on behalf of patients of the availability of registered nurses to make visits at an additional cost; removing the requirement for registered nurses to make monthly visits to patients under the care of certified nursing assistants or home health aides; revising requirements for private residence plans of treatment; amending s. 464.009, F.S.; saving a certain requirement for licensure by endorsement from repeal; providing an effective date.