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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to licensure of nurse registries; amending
 3 s. 400.506, F.S.; removing the requirement for registered
 4 nurses to make monthly visits to patients under the care
 5 of certified nursing assistants or home health aides;
 6 providing an effective date.

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

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 10 Section 1. Subsection (10) of section 400.506, Florida
 11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 400.506 Licensure of nurse registries; requirements;
 13 penalties.--

14 (10)(a) A nurse registry may refer for contract in private
 15 residences registered nurses and licensed practical nurses
 16 registered and licensed under part I of chapter 464, certified
 17 nursing assistants certified under part II of chapter 464, home
 18 health aides who present documented proof of successful
 19 completion of the training required by rule of the agency, and
 20 companions or homemakers for the purposes of providing those
 21 services authorized under s. 400.509(1). Each person referred by
 22 a nurse registry must provide current documentation that he or
 23 she is free from communicable diseases.

24 (b) A certified nursing assistant or home health aide may
 25 be referred for a contract to provide care to a patient in his
 26 or her home only if that patient is under a physician's care. A
 27 certified nursing assistant or home health aide referred for
 28 contract in a private residence shall be limited to assisting a
 29 patient with bathing, dressing, toileting, grooming, eating,

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30 physical transfer, and those normal daily routines the patient
31 could perform for himself or herself were he or she physically
32 capable. A certified nursing assistant or home health aide may
33 not provide medical or other health care services that require
34 specialized training and that may be performed only by licensed
35 health care professionals. The nurse registry shall obtain the
36 name and address of the attending physician and send written
37 notification to the physician within 48 hours after a contract
38 is concluded that a certified nursing assistant or home health
39 aide will be providing care for that patient.

40 ~~(c) A registered nurse shall make monthly visits to the~~
41 ~~patient's home to assess the patient's condition and quality of~~
42 ~~care being provided by the certified nursing assistant or home~~
43 ~~health aide. Any condition which in the professional judgment of~~
44 ~~the nurse requires further medical attention shall be reported~~
45 ~~to the attending physician and the nurse registry. The~~
46 ~~assessment shall become a part of the patient's file with the~~
47 ~~nurse registry and may be reviewed by the agency during their~~
48 ~~survey procedure.~~

49 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.