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The Committee on Health Care (Atwater) recommended the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 1, between lines 16 and 17,

insert:

Section 2. Subsection (7) is added to section 400.602, Florida Statutes, to read:

400.602 Licensure required; prohibited acts; exemptions; display, transferability of license.--

(7) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 400.601(3), any hospice that is organized as a for-profit corporation and provides a continuum of palliative and supportive care for a terminally ill patient and his or her family may obtain a license in accordance with the other requirements of this part and upon receipt of any certificate of need required under ss. 408.031-408.045 to provide care in hospice services areas having populations of 550,000 or more, or in any hospice service area where a for-profit hospice is currently licensed to operate under subsection (6). The Agency for Health Care

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1 Administration shall use hospice service areas as published on  
 2 January 1, 2005. No later than January 1, 2007, the Agency for  
 3 Health Care Administration shall submit to the Legislature a  
 4 report analyzing the impact of for-profit hospices on the  
 5 delivery of care to terminally ill patients, including a  
 6 review of the quality of care, the change in the competitive  
 7 marketplace, and any other relevant information.

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 9 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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13 And the title is amended as follows:

14           On page 1, line 6, following the semicolon

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16 insert:

17           amending s. 400.602, F.S.; providing for  
 18           licensure of hospices that meet specified  
 19           conditions; requiring a report to the  
 20           Legislature by the Agency for Health Care  
 21           Administration;

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