By the Committee on Health Care; and Senator Atwater

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to hospices; amending s.
3	400.601, F.S.; redefining the term "hospice"
4	for purposes of part VI of ch. 400, F.S., to
5	remove the stipulation of not-for-profit
6	status; amending s. 400.602, F.S.; providing
7	for licensure of hospices that meet specified
8	conditions; requiring a report to the
9	Legislature by the Agency for Health Care
10	Administration; providing an effective date.
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12	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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14	Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 400.601, Florida
15	Statutes, is amended to read:
16	400.601 DefinitionsAs used in this part, the term:
17	(3) "Hospice" means a centrally administered
18	corporation not for profit, as defined in chapter 617,
19	providing a continuum of palliative and supportive care for
20	the terminally ill patient and his or her family.
21	Section 2. Subsection (7) is added to section 400.602,
22	Florida Statutes, to read:
23	400.602 Licensure required; prohibited acts;
24	exemptions; display, transferability of license
25	(7) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 400.601(3),
26	any hospice that is organized as a for-profit corporation and
27	provides a continuum of palliative and supportive care for a
28	terminally ill patient and his or her family may obtain a
29	license in accordance with the other requirements of this part
30	and upon receipt of any certificate of need required under ss.
31	408.031-408.045 to provide care in hospice services areas

1	having populations of 550,000 or more, or in any hospice
2	service area where a for-profit hospice is currently licensed
3	to operate under subsection (6). The Agency for Health Care
4	Administration shall use hospice service areas as published on
5	January 1, 2005. No later than January 1, 2007, the Agency for
6	Health Care Administration shall submit to the Legislature a
7	report analyzing the impact of for-profit hospices on the
8	delivery of care to terminally ill patients, including a
9	review of the quality of care, the change in the competitive
10	marketplace, and any other relevant information.
11	Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
12	law.
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14	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
15	SB 1622
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17	The committee substitute differs from SB 1622 in the following ways:
18	Licensure of a for-profit hospice will only be permitted in a
19	hospice service area with a population of 550,000 or more or an area where a for-profit hospice is currently licensed to
20	operate.
21	The bill requires the Agency for Health Care Administration to report to the Legislature by January 2007, regarding the impact of for-profit hospices on the delivery of care.
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