

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Elder & Long-Term Care Committee recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to hospices; amending s. 400.602, F.S.;
7 providing requirements for licensure for certain for-
8 profit hospices; providing limitations on the location of
9 for-profit hospices; requiring a report by the Agency for
10 Health Care 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 (7) is added to section 400.602,
15 Florida Statutes, to read:

16 400.602 Licensure required; prohibited acts; exemptions;
17 display, transferability of license.--

18 (7) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 400.601(3), any
19 hospice that is organized as a for-profit corporation and
20 provides a continuum of palliative and supportive care for the
21 terminally ill patient and his or her family may obtain a
22 license in accordance with the other requirements of this part

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23 and upon receipt of any certificate of need that may be required
 24 under the provisions of ss. 408.031-408.045 to provide care in:

25 (a) A hospice service area with a population of 550,000 or
 26 more, except that a for-profit hospice may not be located in any
 27 county in the service area that has a population of 50,000 or
 28 less; or

29 (b) A hospice service area where a for-profit hospice is
 30 currently licensed to operate under subsection (6).

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 32 The Agency for Health Care Administration shall utilize hospice
 33 service areas as published on January 1, 2005. No later than
 34 January 1, 2007, the agency shall submit a report to the
 35 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
 36 Representatives analyzing the impact of for-profit hospices on
 37 the delivery of care to terminally ill patients, including a
 38 review of the quality of care, the change in the competitive
 39 marketplace, and any other relevant information.

40 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.