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

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 1, line 16,

insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section 395.003, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

395.003 Licensure; issuance, renewal, denial, modification, suspension, and revocation.--

(1)

(b)1. It is unlawful for a person to use or advertise to the public, in any way or by any medium whatsoever, any facility as a "hospital," "ambulatory surgical center," or "mobile surgical facility" unless such facility has first secured a license under the provisions of this part.

2. This part does not apply to veterinary hospitals or to commercial business establishments using the word "hospital," "ambulatory surgical center," or "mobile surgical

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1 facility" as a part of a trade name if no treatment of human
2 beings is performed on the premises of such establishments.

3 ~~3. By December 31, 2004, the agency shall submit a~~
4 ~~report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the~~
5 ~~House of Representatives recommending whether it is in the~~
6 ~~public interest to allow a hospital to license or operate an~~
7 ~~emergency department located off the premises of the hospital.~~
8 ~~If the agency finds it to be in the public interest, the~~
9 ~~report shall also recommend licensure criteria for such~~
10 ~~medical facilities, including criteria related to quality of~~
11 ~~care and, if deemed necessary, the elimination of the~~
12 ~~possibility of confusion related to the service capabilities~~
13 ~~of such facility in comparison to the service capabilities of~~
14 ~~an emergency department located on the premises of the~~
15 ~~hospital. Until July 1, 2006 2005, additional emergency~~
16 ~~departments located off the premises of licensed hospitals may~~
17 ~~not be authorized by the agency.~~

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19 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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22 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

23 And the title is amended as follows:

24 On page 1, line 2, delete that line

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26 and insert:

27 An act relating to health care facilities;
28 amending s. 395.003, F.S.; extending by 1 year
29 the moratorium on approving additional
30 emergency departments located off the premises
31 of a licensed hospital;