

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

The bill does not appear to implicate any of the House principles.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Chapter 400, F.S., is entitled "Nursing Homes and Related Health Care Facilities." It consists of 13 parts:

PART	TITLE
I	Long-Term Care Facilities: Ombudsman Program
II	Nursing Homes
III	Assisted Living Facilities
IV	Home Health Agencies
V	Adult Day Care Centers
VI	Hospices
VII	Adult Family-Care Home Act
VIII	Intermediate, Special Services, and Transitional-Living Facilities
IX	Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Centers
X	Home Medical Equipment Providers
XI	Intermediate Care Facilities for Developmentally Disabled Persons
XII	Health Care Services Pools
XIII	Health Care Clinic Act

Part III of Chapter 400, F.S., was created in 1975 and details the licensing and regulatory requirements for assisted living facilities. An "assisted living facility" is defined as:

any building or buildings, section or distinct part of a building, private home, boarding home, home for the aged, or other residential facility, whether operated for profit or not, which undertakes through its ownership or management to provide housing, meals, and one or more personal services for a period exceeding 24 hours to one or more adults who are not relatives of the owner or administrator.¹

CS for HB 467 moves Part III to newly-created Chapter 429, F.S., to be entitled "Assisted Care Communities." It makes multiple changes to Florida Statutes, which specify each conforming change required to reflect the relocation of Part III of Chapter 400, F.S., to newly-created Chapter 429.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Renumbers ss. 400.401-400.504, F.S., as ss. 429.01-429.49, F.S.; creates Chapter 429, Assisted Care Communities.

Sections 2 through 113: Specify each conforming change required to reflect the relocation of Part III of Chapter 400, F.S., to newly-created Chapter 429.

Section 114: Directs the Division of Statutory Revision to prepare a reviser's bill for introduction at a subsequent legislative session making conforming changes to Florida Statutes.

Section 115: Provides an effective date of July 1, 2005.

¹ S. 400.402(6), F.S.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

The municipal/county mandates provision in section 18 of article VII of the Florida Constitution does not appear to be applicable since the bill does not appear to require counties or municipalities to take action requiring the expenditure of funds, does not appear to reduce the authority that counties or municipalities have to raise revenue in the aggregate, and does not appear to reduce the percentage of state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

The Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) notes that the bill impacts the regulatory and systematic relationship between assisted living facilities and adult family care homes. Adult family care homes mirror the services on a smaller scale to that of assisted living facilities. If the reasons for transferring the provisions relating to assisted living facilities are to identify them to a more closely defined program as it relates to their services, AHCA suggests that adult family care homes, Part VII of Chapter 400, should also be moved to Chapter 429.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE & COMBINED BILL CHANGES

At its March 9, 2005, meeting, the Committee on Elder & Long-Term Care adopted a Committee Substitute for HB 467. The CS replaced a direction to the Division of Statutory Revision, to prepare a reviser's bill to conform the statutes to the changes made by the bill, with multiple bill sections specifying each conforming change required to reflect the relocation of Part III of Chapter 400, F.S., to newly-created Chapter 429.

This analysis is drawn to the Committee Substitute.