

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to home health services; amending s.  
 3           400.509, F.S.; exempting organizations that provide  
 4           certain personal care services from licensure; requiring  
 5           organizations that provide personal care services to  
 6           register with the Agency for Health Care Administration  
 7           and to maintain certain liability insurance coverage;  
 8           providing an effective date.

9  
 10   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

11  
 12           Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 400.509, Florida  
 13   Statutes, is amended to read:

14           400.509   Registration of particular service providers  
 15   exempt from licensure; certificate of registration; regulation  
 16   of registrants; liability insurance.--

17           (1) (a) Any organization that provides companion services  
 18   or homemaker services, or that provides personal care services  
 19   through employed certified nursing assistants under part II of  
 20   chapter 464 or through employees who are trained and qualified  
 21   in providing personal care as determined by the agency under s.  
 22   400.497(1), and does not provide a home health service other  
 23   than assisting a patient with bathing, dressing, toileting,  
 24   grooming, eating, physical transfer, and those normal daily  
 25   routines the patient could perform for himself or herself if he  
 26   or she was physically capable to a person is exempt from  
 27   licensure under this part. However, any organization that

HB 1273

2006

28 | provides companion services, ~~or~~ homemaker services, or personal  
29 | care services must register with the agency.

30 |       (b) Any organization that provides personal care services  
31 | must obtain and maintain liability insurance coverage as defined  
32 | in s. 624.605(1)(b) in an amount of not less than \$250,000 per  
33 | claim and must submit proof of liability insurance coverage with  
34 | an initial application for registration and with each annual  
35 | application for registration renewal.

36 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.