

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/SB 1758 (CS/HB 1361)
INTRODUCER: Health Regulation Committee and Senator Peadar
SUBJECT: Hospitals/Off-Premises Emergency Department
PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Health Regulation
DATE: May 2, 2007

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 – 263699 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 deletes everything after the enacting clause and provides that additional hospital off-premises emergency departments may not be authorized until July 1, 2009. The amendment allows for the licensure of an off-premises emergency department if initial licensure application documents were filed before April 30, 2007, and stage 2 architectural plans are submitted as of July 1, 2007, or stage 2 architectural plans are approved by July 15, 2007, as long as they comply with requirements imposed on off-premises emergency departments licensed prior to July 1, 2007.

The title amendment is not consistent with the body of the amendment. The body of the amendment imposes a moratorium on licensure of additional off-premises emergency departments until July 1, 2009. The title amendment notices the moratorium until July 1, 2008.