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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to hospice facilities; amending s.  
3           400.6051, F.S.; providing for construction plan review by  
4           the Agency for Health Care Administration; authorizing the  
5           agency to charge a construction plan review fee;  
6           specifying that the fee is nonrefundable; providing an  
7           effective date.

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

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11           Section 1. Section 400.6051, Florida Statutes, is amended  
12           to read:

13           400.6051 Construction and renovation; requirements.--

14           (1) The requirements for the construction and the  
15           renovation of a hospice residential or inpatient facility or  
16           unit must comply with the provisions of chapter 553 which  
17           pertain to building construction standards, including plumbing,  
18           electrical code, glass, manufactured buildings, accessibility  
19           for persons with disabilities, and the state minimum building  
20           codes. The Agency for Health Care Administration shall provide  
21           technical assistance to the Florida Building Commission in  
22           updating the construction standards of the Florida Building Code  
23           which govern hospice facilities.

24           (2) Upon request by the prospective licensee of an  
25           inpatient hospice facility, the agency may provide an informal  
26           review of a facility prior to construction in order to assist  
27           the facility in complying with agency rules and this part.

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28 |       (3) The agency may charge a fee commensurate with the cost  
29 | of providing consultation under this section. No part of the fee  
30 | is refundable.

31 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.