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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative R. Garcia offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with directory and title amendments)**

4 Between lines 201 and 202, insert:

5 (h) In the case of an application for initial licensure,
6 documentation of accreditation, or an application for
7 accreditation, from an accrediting organization that is
8 recognized by the agency as having standards comparable to those
9 required by this part and part II of chapter 408.

10 Notwithstanding s. 408.806, an applicant that has applied for
11 accreditation must provided proof of accreditation that is not
12 conditional or provisional within 120 days after the date of the
13 agency's receipt of the application for licensure or the
14 application shall be withdrawn from further consideration. Such
15 accreditation must be maintained by the home health agency to
16 maintain licensure. The agency shall accept, in lieu of its own

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17 periodic licensure survey, the submission of the survey of an
18 accrediting organization that is recognized by the agency if the
19 accreditation of the licensed home health agency is not
20 provisional and if the licensed home health agency authorizes
21 releases of, and the agency receives the report of, the
22 accrediting organization.

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26 **D I R E C T O R Y A M E N D M E N T**

27 Remove line 173 and insert:

28 Section 4. Paragraphs (d), (e), (f), (g), and (h) are
29 added to

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33 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

34 Remove line 14 and insert:

35 financial ability to operate; requiring home health agencies to
36 maintain certain accreditation to maintain licensure; permitting
37 certain accrediting organizations to submit surveys regarding
38 licensure of home health agencies; prohibiting the agency from