FOR CONSIDERATION By the Committee on Health Regulation

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to blood establishments; amending s. 381.06014, F.S.; prohibiting local governments from restricting access to public facilities or infrastructure for certain activities based on whether a blood establishment is operating as a for-profit organization or not-for-profit organization; prohibiting a blood establishment from considering whether certain customers are operating as a forprofit organization or not-for-profit organization when determining prices for selling blood or blood components; amending s. 499.005, F.S.; clarifying provisions prohibiting the unauthorized wholesale distribution of a prescription drug that was purchased by a hospital or other health care entity, to conform to changes made by the act; amending s. 499.01, F.S.; requiring certain blood establishments to obtain a restricted prescription drug distributor permit under specified conditions; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Subsections (5) and (6) are added to section 381.06014, Florida Statutes, to read:

381.06014 Blood establishments.-

(5) A local government may not restrict the access to or use of any public facility or infrastructure for the collection of blood or blood components from volunteer donors based on whether the blood establishment is operating as a for-profit

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organization or not-for-profit organization.

(6) In determining the price of blood or blood components that are received from volunteer donors and sold to hospitals or other health care providers, a blood establishment may not base the price of the blood or blood component solely on whether the purchasing entity is a for-profit organization or not-for-profit organization.

Section 2. Subsection (21) of section 499.005, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

499.005 Prohibited acts.—It is unlawful for a person to perform or cause the performance of any of the following acts in this state:

- (21) The wholesale distribution of any prescription drug that was:
- (a) Purchased by a public or private hospital or other health care entity, except as authorized in s. 499.01(2)(g); or
- (b) Donated or supplied at a reduced price to a charitable organization.

Section 3. Paragraph (g) of subsection (2) of section 499.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

499.01 Permits.-

- (2) The following permits are established:
- (q) Restricted prescription drug distributor permit.-
- 1. A restricted prescription drug distributor permit is required for:
- \underline{a} . Any person that engages in the distribution of a prescription drug, which distribution is not considered "wholesale distribution" under s. 499.003(53)(a).
 - $\underline{\text{b.1.}}$ Any A person who engages in the receipt or

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distribution of a prescription drug in this state for the purpose of processing its return or its destruction must obtain a permit as a restricted prescription drug distributor if such person is not the person initiating the return, the prescription drug wholesale supplier of the person initiating the return, or the manufacturer of the drug.

- c. A blood establishment located in this state which collects blood and blood components only from volunteer donors and which engages in the wholesale distribution of a prescription drug to a health care entity. The blood establishment must operate in accordance with s. 381.06014. The blood establishment shall distribute only:
- (I) Prescription drugs indicated for a bleeding or clotting disorder or anemia;
- (II) Blood-collection containers approved under s. 505 of the federal act; or
- (III) Drugs that are blood derivatives, blood recombinants, or synthetic forms of a blood derivative,

as long as all of the health care services that the blood establishment provides are related to its activities as a registered blood establishment or the health care services consist of collecting, processing, storing, or administering human hematopoietic stem cells or progenitor cells or performing diagnostic testing of specimens if these specimens are tested together with specimens undergoing routine donor testing.

2. Storage, handling, and recordkeeping of these distributions by a person permitted as a restricted prescription drug distributor must comply with the requirements for wholesale

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distributors under s. 499.0121, but not those set forth in s.
499.01212 if the distribution occurs pursuant to subsubparagraph 1.a. or sub-subparagraph 1.b.

- 3. A person who applies for a permit as a restricted prescription drug distributor, or for the renewal of such a permit, must provide to the department the information required under s. 499.012.
- 4. The department may adopt rules regarding the distribution of prescription drugs by hospitals, health care entities, charitable organizations, or other persons not involved in wholesale distribution, which rules are necessary for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare.

Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.