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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Judiciary (Braynon) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 191 and 192
insert:

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

400.191 Availability, distribution, and posting of reports
and records.—

(2) The agency shall publish the Nursing Home Guide
quarterly in electronic form to assist consumers and their
families in comparing and evaluating nursing home facilities.

(a) The agency shall provide an Internet site which shall
include at least the following information either directly or



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14 indirectly through a link to another established site or sites
15 of the agency's choosing:

16 1. A section entitled "Have you considered programs that
17 provide alternatives to nursing home care?" which shall be the
18 first section of the Nursing Home Guide and which shall
19 prominently display information about available alternatives to
20 nursing homes and how to obtain additional information regarding
21 these alternatives. The Nursing Home Guide shall explain that
22 this state offers alternative programs that permit qualified
23 elderly persons to stay in their homes instead of being placed
24 in nursing homes and shall encourage interested persons to call
25 the Comprehensive Assessment Review and Evaluation for Long-Term
26 Care Services (CARES) Program to inquire if they qualify. The
27 Nursing Home Guide shall list available home and community-based
28 programs which shall clearly state the services that are
29 provided and indicate whether nursing home services are included
30 if needed.

31 2. A list by name and address of all nursing home
32 facilities in this state, including any prior name by which a
33 facility was known during the previous 24-month period.

34 3. Whether such nursing home facilities are proprietary or
35 nonproprietary.

36 4. The current owner of the facility's license and the year
37 that that entity became the owner of the license.

38 5. The name of the owner or owners of each facility and
39 whether the facility is affiliated with a company or other
40 organization owning or managing more than one nursing facility
41 in this state.

42 6. The total number of beds in each facility and the most



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43 recently available occupancy levels.

44 7. The number of private and semiprivate rooms in each
45 facility.

46 8. The religious affiliation, if any, of each facility.

47 9. Information about the family council, or similar
48 organization, in each facility, and the name and telephone
49 number of the council's, or the organization's, president or
50 presiding officer.

51 10.9. The languages spoken by the administrator and staff
52 of each facility.

53 11.10. Whether ~~or not~~ each facility accepts Medicare or
54 Medicaid recipients or insurance, health maintenance
55 organization, Veterans Administration, CHAMPUS program, or
56 workers' compensation coverage.

57 12.11. Recreational and other programs available at each
58 facility.

59 13.12. Special care units or programs offered at each
60 facility.

61 14.13. Whether the facility is a part of a retirement
62 community that offers other services pursuant to part III of
63 this chapter or part I or part III of chapter 429.

64 15.14. Survey and deficiency information, including all
65 federal and state recertification, licensure, revisit, and
66 complaint survey information, for each facility for the past 30
67 months. For noncertified nursing homes, state survey and
68 deficiency information, including licensure, revisit, and
69 complaint survey information for the past 30 months shall be
70 provided.

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72 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

73 And the title is amended as follows:

74 Delete line 18

75 and insert:

76 definitions; amending s. 400.191, F.S.; requiring the
77 Agency for Health Care Administration to list
78 information about nursing home family councils in a
79 mandated report; providing an effective date.