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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Budget (Richter) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 3593 and 3594
insert:

Section 90. Paragraph (h) of subsection (3) of section
456.053, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

456.053 Financial arrangements between referring health
care providers and providers of health care services.—

(3) DEFINITIONS.—For the purpose of this section, the word,
phrase, or term:

(h) "Group practice" means a group of two or more health
care providers legally organized as a partnership, professional
corporation, or similar association:



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14 1. In which each health care provider who is a member of
15 the group provides substantially the full range of services
16 which the health care provider routinely provides, including
17 medical care, consultation, diagnosis, or treatment, through the
18 joint use of shared office space, facilities, equipment, and
19 personnel;

20 2. For which substantially all of the services of the
21 health care providers who are members of the group are provided
22 through the group and are billed in the name of the group and
23 amounts so received are treated as receipts of the group; ~~and~~

24 3. In which the overhead expenses of and the income from
25 the practice are distributed in accordance with methods
26 previously determined by members of the group; ~~and.~~

27 4. That provides radiation therapy services, including the
28 full range of radiation therapy services, such that no single
29 type of cancer, as a primary or secondary diagnosis and as
30 described by the International Statistical Classification of
31 Diseases, constitutes 40 percent or more of the group's cases
32 for professional and technical radiation therapy services, and
33 the health care providers within the group who refer patients
34 for radiation therapy services do not own 50 percent or more of
35 the group practice. As used in this subparagraph, the term
36 "case" means an individual patient's radiation treatment course.

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

38 And the title is amended as follows:

39 Delete line 309

40 and insert:

41 applicants; amending s. 456.053, F.S.; redefining the
42 term "group practice" to include certain groups that



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provide radiation therapy services; amending s.
483.035, F.S.; providing for a