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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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04/03/2014	.	
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The Committee on Judiciary (Soto) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Before line 24

insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (h) of subsection (2) of section 400.471, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

400.471 Application for license; fee.-

(2) In addition to the requirements of part II of chapter 408, the initial applicant must file with the application satisfactory proof that the home health agency is in compliance with this part and applicable rules, including:



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12 (h) In the case of an application for initial licensure,  
13 documentation of accreditation, or an application for  
14 accreditation, from an accrediting organization that is  
15 recognized by the agency as having standards comparable to those  
16 required by this part and part II of chapter 408. A home health  
17 agency that is not Medicare or Medicaid certified and does not  
18 provide skilled care is exempt from this paragraph.

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20 Notwithstanding s. 408.806, an applicant that has applied for  
21 accreditation must provide proof of accreditation that is not  
22 conditional or provisional within 120 days after the date of the  
23 agency's receipt of the application for licensure or the  
24 application shall be withdrawn from further consideration. Such  
25 accreditation must be maintained by the home health agency to  
26 maintain licensure. The agency shall accept, in lieu of its own  
27 periodic licensure survey, the submission of the survey of an  
28 accrediting organization that is recognized by the agency if the  
29 accreditation of the licensed home health agency is not  
30 provisional and if the licensed home health agency authorizes  
31 releases of, and the agency receives the report of, the  
32 accrediting organization.

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

35 And the title is amended as follows:

36 Delete line 2

37 and insert:

38 An act relating to home health care; amending s.  
39 400.471, F.S.; exempting certain home health agencies  
40 from specified licensure application requirements;



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amending s.