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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (667992) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Between lines 4 and 5
5 insert:

6 Section 1. Paragraph (h) of subsection (2) of section
7 400.471, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

8 400.471 Application for license; fee.-

9 (2) In addition to the requirements of part II of chapter
10 408, the initial applicant must file with the application
11 satisfactory proof that the home health agency is in compliance



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12 with this part and applicable rules, including:

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

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25 application shall be withdrawn from further consideration.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

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

36 And the title is amended as follows:

37 Delete line 70

38 and insert:

39 An act relating to home health care; amending s.
40 400.471, F.S.; exempting certain home health agencies



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41 from specified licensure application requirements;
42 amending s.