

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to nurse registries; amending s.  
3 400.462, F.S.; defining a term; amending s. 400.506,  
4 F.S.; providing for the licensure of more than one  
5 nurse registry operational site within the same health  
6 service planning district; authorizing a licensed  
7 nurse registry to operate a satellite office;  
8 requiring a nurse registry operational site to keep  
9 all original records; requiring a nurse registry to  
10 provide notice and certain evidence before it  
11 relocates an operational site or opens a satellite  
12 office; reenacting s. 400.497, F.S., relating to rules  
13 establishing minimum standards with respect to home  
14 health agencies, s. 817.505(3)(h), F.S., relating to  
15 an exception from a prohibition on patient brokering,  
16 and s. 400.506(3), F.S., relating to a nurse registry  
17 application fee, to incorporate the amendment made by  
18 the act to s. 400.506, F.S., in references thereto;  
19 providing an effective date.

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

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23 Section 1. Subsections (28) and (29) of section 400.462,  
24 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (29) and (30),  
25 respectively, and a new subsection (28) is added to that section  
26 to read:

27 400.462 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:  
 28 (28) "Satellite office" means a secondary office of a  
 29 nurse registry established pursuant to s. 400.506(1) in the same  
 30 health service planning district as a licensed nurse registry  
 31 operational site.

32 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 400.506, Florida  
 33 Statutes, is amended to read:

34 400.506 Licensure of nurse registries; requirements;  
 35 penalties.—

36 (1) (a) A nurse registry is exempt from the licensing  
 37 requirements of a home health agency but must be licensed as a  
 38 nurse registry. The requirements of part II of chapter 408 apply  
 39 to the provision of services that require licensure pursuant to  
 40 ss. 400.506-400.518 and part II of chapter 408 and to entities  
 41 licensed by or applying for such license from the Agency for  
 42 Health Care Administration pursuant to ss. 400.506-400.518. A  
 43 license issued by the agency is required for the operation of a  
 44 nurse registry. Each operational site of the nurse registry must  
 45 be licensed, unless there is more than one site within the  
 46 health service planning district for which a license is issued.  
 47 In such case, a county. If there is more than one site within a  
 48 county, only one license per county is required. each  
 49 operational site within the health service planning district  
 50 must be listed on the license.

51 (b) A licensed nurse registry may operate a satellite  
 52 office as defined in s. 400.462. The nurse registry operational

53 site must administer all satellite offices. A satellite office  
54 may store supplies and records, register and process  
55 contractors, and conduct business by telephone as is done at  
56 other operational sites. Nurse registries may use signs and  
57 advertisements to notify the public of the location of a  
58 satellite office. All original records must be kept at the  
59 operational site.

60 (c) A nurse registry must provide notice, in writing, to  
61 the agency at the state and area office levels, as required by  
62 agency rule, of a proposed change of address for an operational  
63 site or the opening of a satellite office. Before relocating an  
64 operational site or opening a satellite office, the nurse  
65 registry must submit evidence of its legal right to use the  
66 proposed property, as well as a certificate of occupancy, a  
67 certificate of use, or other evidence that the property is zoned  
68 for nurse registry use.

69 Section 3. Section 400.497, paragraph (h) of subsection  
70 (3) of section 817.505, and subsection (3) of section 400.506,  
71 Florida Statutes, are reenacted for the purpose of incorporating  
72 the amendment made by this act to section 400.506, Florida  
73 Statutes, in references thereto.

74 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.