

By the Committees on Appropriations; and Banking and Insurance;
and Senator Bradley

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to insurance fraud; repealing s.
3 400.993, F.S., relating to criminal penalties
4 applicable to unlicensed health care clinics and the
5 reporting of unlicensed health care clinics; amending
6 s. 400.9935, F.S.; revising provisions related to
7 unlawful, noncompensable, and unenforceable health
8 care clinic charges or reimbursement claims; revising
9 and providing criminal penalties for making unlawful
10 charges, operating or failing to report an unlicensed
11 clinic, filing false or misleading information related
12 to a clinic license application, and other violations;
13 defining the term "convicted"; amending s. 626.9894,
14 F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the
15 act; repealing s. 626.9895, F.S., relating to the
16 establishment of a motor vehicle insurance fraud
17 direct-support organization; amending s. 921.0022,
18 F.S.; conforming provisions of the offense severity
19 ranking chart of the Criminal Punishment Code to
20 changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

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

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24 Section 1. Section 400.993, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

25 Section 2. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 400.9935,
26 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

27 400.9935 Clinic responsibilities.—

28 (3) A charge ~~All charges~~ or reimbursement claim ~~claims~~ made
29 by or on behalf of a clinic that is required to be licensed

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30 under this part, but that is not so licensed, or that is
31 otherwise operating in violation of this part, regardless of
32 whether a service is rendered or whether the charge or
33 reimbursement claim is paid, is an, are unlawful charge charges,
34 and is therefore are noncompensable and unenforceable. A person
35 who knowingly makes or causes to be made an unlawful charge
36 commits theft within the meaning of, and punishable as provided
37 in, s. 812.014.

38 (4) (a) Regardless of whether notification is provided by
39 the agency under In addition to the requirements of s. 408.812,
40 a any person commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as
41 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, if the person
42 knowingly:

43 1. Establishes, owns, operates, manages, or maintains
44 establishing, operating, or managing an unlicensed clinic
45 otherwise required to be licensed under this part or part II of
46 chapter 408; or

47 2. Offers or advertises services that require licensure as
48 a clinic under this part or part II of chapter 408 without a
49 license.

50 (b) If the agency provides notification under s. 408.812
51 of, or if a person is arrested for, a violation of subparagraph
52 (a)1. or subparagraph (a)2., each day during which a violation
53 of subparagraph (a)1. or subparagraph (a)2. occurs constitutes a
54 separate offense.

55 (c) A person convicted of a second or subsequent violation
56 of subparagraph (a)1. or subparagraph (a)2. commits a felony of
57 the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
58 775.083, or s. 775.084. If the agency provides notification of,

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59 or if a person is arrested for, a violation of this paragraph,
60 each day that this paragraph is violated thereafter constitutes
61 a separate offense. For purposes of this paragraph, the term
62 "convicted" means a determination of guilt which is the result
63 of a trial or the entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere,
64 regardless of whether adjudication is withheld.

65 (d) In addition to the requirements of part II of chapter
66 408, a health care provider who is aware of the operation of an
67 unlicensed clinic shall report the clinic to the agency. The
68 agency shall report to the provider's licensing board a failure
69 to report a clinic that the provider knows or has reasonable
70 cause to suspect is unlicensed.

71 (e) A person commits a felony of the third degree,
72 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084,
73 if the any person who knowingly:

74 1. Files a false or misleading license application or
75 license renewal application, or files false or misleading
76 information related to such application or agency department
77 rule; or

78 2. Fails to report information to the agency as required by
79 s. 408.810(3), commits a felony of the third degree, punishable
80 as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

81 Section 3. Subsection (5) of section 626.9894, Florida
82 Statutes, is amended to read:

83 626.9894 Gifts and grants.—

84 (5) Notwithstanding s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351,
85 any balance of moneys deposited into the Insurance Regulatory
86 Trust Fund pursuant to this section ~~or s. 626.9895~~ remaining at
87 the end of any fiscal year is available for carrying out the

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88 duties and responsibilities of the division. The department may
 89 request annual appropriations from the grants and donations
 90 received pursuant to this section ~~or s. 626.9895~~ and cash
 91 balances in the Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund for the purpose
 92 of carrying out its duties and responsibilities related to the
 93 division's anti-fraud efforts, including the funding of
 94 dedicated prosecutors and related personnel.

95 Section 4. Section 626.9895, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

96 Section 5. Paragraphs (c) and (f) of subsection (3) of
 97 section 921.0022, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

98 921.0022 Criminal Punishment Code; offense severity ranking
 99 chart.—

100 (3) OFFENSE SEVERITY RANKING CHART

101 (c) LEVEL 3

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Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
119.10(2)(b)	3rd	Unlawful use of confidential information from police reports.
316.066 (3)(b)-(d)	3rd	Unlawfully obtaining or using confidential crash reports.
316.193(2)(b)	3rd	Felony DUI, 3rd conviction.
316.1935(2)	3rd	Fleeing or attempting to elude

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law enforcement officer in
patrol vehicle with siren and
lights activated.

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319.30(4) 3rd Possession by junkyard of
motor vehicle with
identification number plate
removed.

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319.33(1)(a) 3rd Alter or forge any certificate
of title to a motor vehicle or
mobile home.

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319.33(1)(c) 3rd Procure or pass title on
stolen vehicle.

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319.33(4) 3rd With intent to defraud,
possess, sell, etc., a blank,
forged, or unlawfully obtained
title or registration.

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327.35(2)(b) 3rd Felony BUI.

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328.05(2) 3rd Possess, sell, or counterfeit
fictitious, stolen, or
fraudulent titles or bills of
sale of vessels.

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328.07(4) 3rd Manufacture, exchange, or

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possess vessel with
counterfeit or wrong ID
number.

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376.302 (5) 3rd Fraud related to reimbursement
for cleanup expenses under the
Inland Protection Trust Fund.

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379.2431 3rd Taking, disturbing,
(1) (e) 5. mutilating, destroying,
causing to be destroyed,
transferring, selling,
offering to sell, molesting,
or harassing marine turtles,
marine turtle eggs, or marine
turtle nests in violation of
the Marine Turtle Protection
Act.

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379.2431 3rd Soliciting to commit or
(1) (e) 6. conspiring to commit a
violation of the Marine Turtle
Protection Act.

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400.9935 (4) (a) or 3rd Operating a clinic, or
(b) offering services requiring
licensure, without a license
~~or filing false license~~
~~application or other required~~

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~~information.~~

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400.9935 (4) (e)

3rd

Filing a false license application or other required information or failing to report information.

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440.1051 (3)

3rd

False report of workers' compensation fraud or retaliation for making such a report.

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501.001 (2) (b)

2nd

Tampers with a consumer product or the container using materially false/misleading information.

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624.401 (4) (a)

3rd

Transacting insurance without a certificate of authority.

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624.401 (4) (b) 1.

3rd

Transacting insurance without a certificate of authority; premium collected less than \$20,000.

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626.902 (1) (a) & (b)

3rd

Representing an unauthorized insurer.

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697.08

3rd

Equity skimming.

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- 790.15 (3) 3rd Person directs another to discharge firearm from a vehicle.
- 806.10 (1) 3rd Maliciously injure, destroy, or interfere with vehicles or equipment used in firefighting.
- 806.10 (2) 3rd Interferes with or assaults firefighter in performance of duty.
- 810.09 (2) (c) 3rd Trespass on property other than structure or conveyance armed with firearm or dangerous weapon.
- 812.014 (2) (c) 2. 3rd Grand theft; \$5,000 or more but less than \$10,000.
- 812.0145 (2) (c) 3rd Theft from person 65 years of age or older; \$300 or more but less than \$10,000.
- 815.04 (5) (b) 2nd Computer offense devised to defraud or obtain property.

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817.034 (4) (a) 3. 3rd Engages in scheme to defraud
(Florida Communications Fraud
Act), property valued at less
than \$20,000.

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817.233 3rd Burning to defraud insurer.

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817.234 3rd Unlawful solicitation of
(8) (b) & (c) persons involved in motor
vehicle accidents.

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817.234 (11) (a) 3rd Insurance fraud; property
value less than \$20,000.

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817.236 3rd Filing a false motor vehicle
insurance application.

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817.2361 3rd Creating, marketing, or
presenting a false or
fraudulent motor vehicle
insurance card.

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817.413 (2) 3rd Sale of used goods as new.

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817.505 (4) 3rd Patient brokering.

828.12 (2) 3rd Tortures any animal with
intent to inflict intense
pain, serious physical injury,

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or death.

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831.28 (2) (a)

3rd

Counterfeiting a payment instrument with intent to defraud or possessing a counterfeit payment instrument.

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831.29

2nd

Possession of instruments for counterfeiting driver licenses or identification cards.

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838.021 (3) (b)

3rd

Threatens unlawful harm to public servant.

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843.19

3rd

Injure, disable, or kill police dog or horse.

146

860.15 (3)

3rd

Overcharging for repairs and parts.

147

870.01 (2)

3rd

Riot; inciting or encouraging.

148

893.13 (1) (a) 2.

3rd

Sell, manufacture, or deliver cannabis (or other s. 893.03 (1) (c), (2) (c) 1., (2) (c) 2., (2) (c) 3., (2) (c) 5., (2) (c) 6., (2) (c) 7., (2) (c) 8., (2) (c) 9., (3), or (4) drugs).

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forgery, misrepresentation,
etc.

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893.13(7)(a)10. 3rd Affix false or forged label to
package of controlled
substance.

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893.13(7)(a)11. 3rd Furnish false or fraudulent
material information on any
document or record required by
chapter 893.

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893.13(8)(a)1. 3rd Knowingly assist a patient,
other person, or owner of an
animal in obtaining a
controlled substance through
deceptive, untrue, or
fraudulent representations in
or related to the
practitioner's practice.

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893.13(8)(a)2. 3rd Employ a trick or scheme in
the practitioner's practice to
assist a patient, other
person, or owner of an animal
in obtaining a controlled
substance.

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893.13(8)(a)3. 3rd Knowingly write a prescription

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for a controlled substance for
a fictitious person.

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893.13(8)(a)4.

3rd

Write a prescription for a
controlled substance for a
patient, other person, or an
animal if the sole purpose of
writing the prescription is a
monetary benefit for the
practitioner.

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918.13(1)(a)

3rd

Alter, destroy, or conceal
investigation evidence.

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944.47
(1)(a)1. & 2.

3rd

Introduce contraband to
correctional facility.

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944.47(1)(c)

2nd

Possess contraband while upon
the grounds of a correctional
institution.

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985.721

3rd

Escapes from a juvenile
facility (secure detention or
residential commitment
facility).

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(f) LEVEL 6

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Florida

Felony

Description

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Statute

Degree

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316.027(2)(b)

2nd

Leaving the scene of a crash involving serious bodily injury.

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316.193(2)(b)

3rd

Felony DUI, 4th or subsequent conviction.

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400.9935(4)(c)

2nd

Operating a clinic, or offering services requiring licensure, without a license.

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499.0051(3)

2nd

Knowing forgery of pedigree papers.

171

499.0051(4)

2nd

Knowing purchase or receipt of prescription drug from unauthorized person.

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499.0051(5)

2nd

Knowing sale or transfer of prescription drug to unauthorized person.

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775.0875(1)

3rd

Taking firearm from law enforcement officer.

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784.021(1)(a)

3rd

Aggravated assault; deadly weapon without intent to kill.

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784.021 (1) (b)	3rd	Aggravated assault; intent to commit felony.
784.041	3rd	Felony battery; domestic battery by strangulation.
784.048 (3)	3rd	Aggravated stalking; credible threat.
784.048 (5)	3rd	Aggravated stalking of person under 16.
784.07 (2) (c)	2nd	Aggravated assault on law enforcement officer.
784.074 (1) (b)	2nd	Aggravated assault on sexually violent predators facility staff.
784.08 (2) (b)	2nd	Aggravated assault on a person 65 years of age or older.
784.081 (2)	2nd	Aggravated assault on specified official or employee.
784.082 (2)	2nd	Aggravated assault by detained person on visitor or other

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detainee.

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784.083 (2)

2nd

Aggravated assault on code
inspector.

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787.02 (2)

3rd

False imprisonment;
restraining with purpose other
than those in s. 787.01.

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790.115 (2) (d)

2nd

Discharging firearm or weapon
on school property.

187

790.161 (2)

2nd

Make, possess, or throw
destructive device with intent
to do bodily harm or damage
property.

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790.164 (1)

2nd

False report of deadly
explosive, weapon of mass
destruction, or act of arson
or violence to state property.

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790.19

2nd

Shooting or throwing deadly
missiles into dwellings,
vessels, or vehicles.

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794.011 (8) (a)

3rd

Solicitation of minor to
participate in sexual activity
by custodial adult.

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191	794.05 (1)	2nd	Unlawful sexual activity with specified minor.
192	800.04 (5) (d)	3rd	Lewd or lascivious molestation; victim 12 years of age or older but less than 16 years of age; offender less than 18 years.
193	800.04 (6) (b)	2nd	Lewd or lascivious conduct; offender 18 years of age or older.
194	806.031 (2)	2nd	Arson resulting in great bodily harm to firefighter or any other person.
195	810.02 (3) (c)	2nd	Burglary of occupied structure; unarmed; no assault or battery.
196	810.145 (8) (b)	2nd	Video voyeurism; certain minor victims; 2nd or subsequent offense.
197	812.014 (2) (b) 1.	2nd	Property stolen \$20,000 or more, but less than \$100,000, grand theft in 2nd degree.

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825.103(3)(c) 3rd Exploiting an elderly person
or disabled adult and property
is valued at less than
\$10,000.

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827.03(2)(c) 3rd Abuse of a child.

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827.03(2)(d) 3rd Neglect of a child.

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827.071(2) & (3) 2nd Use or induce a child in a
sexual performance, or promote
or direct such performance.

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836.05 2nd Threats; extortion.

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836.10 2nd Written threats to kill or do
bodily injury.

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843.12 3rd Aids or assists person to
escape.

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847.011 3rd Distributing, offering to
distribute, or possessing with
intent to distribute obscene
materials depicting minors.

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847.012 3rd Knowingly using a minor in the
production of materials

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harmful to minors.

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847.0135(2)

3rd

Facilitates sexual conduct of
or with a minor or the visual
depiction of such conduct.

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914.23

2nd

Retaliation against a witness,
victim, or informant, with
bodily injury.

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944.35(3)(a)2.

3rd

Committing malicious battery
upon or inflicting cruel or
inhuman treatment on an inmate
or offender on community
supervision, resulting in
great bodily harm.

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944.40

2nd

Escapes.

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944.46

3rd

Harboring, concealing, aiding
escaped prisoners.

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944.47(1)(a)5.

2nd

Introduction of contraband
(firearm, weapon, or
explosive) into correctional
facility.

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951.22(1)

3rd

Intoxicating drug, firearm, or
weapon introduced into county

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facility.

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Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.