



1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the regulation of health care
 3 facilities and services; amending s. 400.474, F.S.;
 4 revising the information that a home health agency is
 5 required to submit to the Agency for Health Care
 6 Administration for license renewal; removing the
 7 requirement that a home health agency submit quarterly
 8 reports; amending s. 408.036, F.S.; providing an
 9 exemption from a certificate-of-need review for
 10 applicants that were previously licensed within a
 11 specified period as a health care facility or provider
 12 and that meet certain criteria; providing an exception
 13 for an applicant whose license expired during a
 14 specified time period to apply for an exemption from
 15 the review; providing an effective date.

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

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 20 Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 400.474, Florida
 21 Statutes, is amended to read:

22 400.474 Administrative penalties.—

23 (7) A home health agency shall submit to the agency, with
 24 each license renewal application, the number of patients who
 25 receive home health services from the home health agency on the
 26 day that the license renewal application is filed, ~~within 15~~



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27 ~~days after the end of each calendar quarter, a written report~~
28 ~~that includes the following data as they existed on the last day~~
29 ~~of the quarter:~~

30 ~~(a) The number of insulin-dependent diabetic patients who~~
31 ~~receive insulin injection services from the home health agency.~~

32 ~~(b) The number of patients who receive both home health~~
33 ~~services from the home health agency and hospice services.~~

34 ~~(c) The number of patients who receive home health~~
35 ~~services from the home health agency.~~

36 ~~(d) The name and license number of each nurse whose~~
37 ~~primary job responsibility is to provide home health services to~~
38 ~~patients and who received remuneration from the home health~~
39 ~~agency in excess of \$25,000 during the calendar quarter.~~

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41 ~~If the home health agency fails to submit the written~~
42 ~~quarterly report within 15 days after the end of each calendar~~
43 ~~quarter, the Agency for Health Care Administration shall impose~~
44 ~~a fine against the home health agency in the amount of \$200 per~~
45 ~~day until the Agency for Health Care Administration receives the~~
46 ~~report, except that the total fine imposed pursuant to this~~
47 ~~subsection may not exceed \$5,000 per quarter. A home health~~
48 ~~agency is exempt from submission of the report and the~~
49 ~~imposition of the fine if it is not a Medicaid or Medicare~~
50 ~~provider or if it does not share a controlling interest with a~~
51 ~~licensee, as defined in s. 408.803, which bills the Florida~~
52 ~~Medicaid program or the Medicare program.~~



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53 Section 2. Paragraph (t) is added to subsection (3) of
54 section 408.036, Florida Statutes, to read:

55 408.036 Projects subject to review; exemptions.—

56 (3) EXEMPTIONS.—Upon request, the following projects are
57 subject to exemption from the provisions of subsection (1):

58 (t) For the establishment of a health care facility or
59 project that meets all of the following criteria:

60 1. The applicant was previously licensed within the past
61 21 days as a health care facility or provider that is subject to
62 subsection (1).

63 2. The applicant failed to submit a renewal application
64 and the license expired on or after January 1, 2015.

65 3. The applicant does not have a license denial or
66 revocation action pending with the agency at the time of the
67 request.

68 4. The applicant's request is for the same service type,
69 district, service area, and site for which the applicant was
70 previously licensed.

71 5. The applicant's request, if applicable, includes the
72 same number and type of beds as were previously licensed.

73 6. The applicant agrees to the same conditions that were
74 previously imposed on the certificate of need or on an exemption
75 related to the applicant's previously licensed health care
76 facility or project.

77 7. The applicant applies for initial licensure as required
78 under s. 408.806 within 21 days after the agency approves the



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79 exemption request. If the applicant fails to apply in a timely
80 manner, the exemption expires on the 22nd day following the
81 agency's approval of the exemption.

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83 Notwithstanding subparagraph 1., an applicant whose license
84 expired between January 1, 2015 and the effective date of this
85 act may apply for an exemption within 30 days of this act
86 becoming law.

87 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.