

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to residential facilities; amending s.  
 3           419.001, F.S.; specifying applicability of siting  
 4           requirements for community residential homes; amending  
 5           s. 429.075, F.S.; requiring certain assisted living  
 6           facilities with a limited mental health license in a  
 7           municipality with a specified population to maintain  
 8           certain security protocols; requiring the facility to  
 9           report information about certain residents to the  
 10          governing municipality; providing an effective date.

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

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 14           Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 419.001, Florida  
 15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16           419.001 Site selection of community residential homes.—

17           (5) All distance requirements in this section shall be  
 18 measured from the nearest point of the existing home or area of  
 19 single-family zoning to the nearest point of the proposed home.  
 20 When one home has six or fewer residents and another home has 7  
 21 to 14 residents, the greater distance requirement applies.  
 22 Distances between community residential homes shall be measured  
 23 according to the requirements of this section regardless of  
 24 which agency, as specified in paragraph (1)(a), serves the  
 25 clients housed therein.

26           Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 429.075, Florida

27 Statutes, is amended to read:

28 429.075 Limited mental health license.—An assisted living  
29 facility that serves three or more mental health residents must  
30 obtain a limited mental health license.

31 (2) Facilities licensed to provide services to mental  
32 health residents shall provide appropriate supervision and  
33 staffing to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of such  
34 residents. A facility located in an area zoned for residential  
35 use in a municipality with a population of more than 200,000  
36 shall:

37 (a) Maintain 24-hour security services on the premises  
38 provided by a licensed security officer as defined in s.  
39 493.6101 who is wearing a uniform that bears at least one patch  
40 or emblem that is visible at all times and clearly identifies  
41 the employing agency and identifies the person as a licensed  
42 security officer.

43 (b) Notify the municipality within 20 days after the date  
44 of acceptance of a resident who is released from the custody of  
45 the Department of Corrections or a private correctional facility  
46 or who has a prior criminal history, within the past 5 years.

47 (c) Maintain surveillance cameras on the premises to  
48 ensure the safety of its residents and the community at large.

49 (d) Maintain a log that documents the presence of all  
50 residents who have been released from the custody of the  
51 Department of Corrections or a private correctional facility or  
52 who have a prior criminal history, within the past 5 years, and

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53 that indicates their transferring department or prior address.  
54 Such resident must sign in and out every time he or she enters  
55 or leaves the facility. The facility must send the logs to the  
56 chief administrative officer of the municipality in which the  
57 facility is located on a quarterly basis. A facility shall  
58 maintain up-to-date logs in an accessible area on the premises  
59 and shall allow inspection or copying of the logs within 45 days  
60 after the municipality submits a request.

61 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.