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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
6 geographic service area; authorizing a licensed nurse
7 registry to operate a satellite office; requiring a
8 nurse registry operational site to keep all original
9 records; requiring a nurse registry to provide notice
10 and certain evidence before it relocates an
11 operational site or opens a satellite office;
12 reenacting ss. 400.497, 817.505(3)(h), 400.506(3),
13 F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 400.506,
14 F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective
15 date.

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

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19 Section 1. Present subsections (28) and (29) of section
20 400.462, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (29)
21 and (30), respectively, and a new subsection (28) is added to
22 that section, to read:

23 400.462 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

24 (28) "Satellite office" means a secondary office of a nurse
25 registry established pursuant to s. 400.506(1) in the same
26 geographic service area as a licensed nurse registry operational
27 site.

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

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30 400.506 Licensure of nurse registries; requirements;
31 penalties.—

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

47 (b) A licensed nurse registry may operate a satellite
48 office as defined in s. 400.462. The nurse registry operational
49 site must administer all satellite offices. A satellite office
50 may store supplies and records, register and process
51 contractors, and conduct business by telephone as is done at
52 other operational sites. Nurse registries may use signs and
53 advertisements to notify the public of the location of a
54 satellite office. All original records must be kept at the
55 operational site.

56 (c) A nurse registry must provide notice, in writing, to
57 the agency at the state and area office levels, as required by
58 agency rule, of a proposed change of address for an operational

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59 site or the opening of a satellite office. Before relocating an
60 operational site or opening a satellite office, the nurse
61 registry must submit evidence of its legal right to use the
62 proposed property, as well as a certificate of occupancy, a
63 certificate of use, or other evidence that the property is zoned
64 for nurse registry use.

65 Section 3. Section 400.497, paragraph (h) of subsection (3)
66 of s. 817.505, and subsection (3) of s. 400.506, Florida
67 Statutes, are reenacted for the purpose of incorporating the
68 amendment made by this act to s. 400.506, Florida Statutes, in
69 references thereto.

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