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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to home health services; amending s.  
3           400.462, F.S.; defining a term; amending s. 400.464,  
4           F.S.; allowing home health agencies to operate related  
5           offices inside of the main office's health service  
6           planning district without an additional license;  
7           amending s. 400.506, F.S.; providing for the licensure  
8           of more than one nurse registry operational site  
9           within the same health service planning district;  
10          authorizing a licensed nurse registry to operate a  
11          satellite office; requiring a nurse registry  
12          operational site to keep all original records;  
13          requiring a nurse registry to provide notice and  
14          certain evidence before it relocates an operational  
15          site or opens a satellite office; reenacting ss.  
16          400.497, 817.505(3)(h), 400.506(3), F.S., to  
17          incorporate the amendment made to s. 400.506, F.S., in  
18          references thereto; providing an effective date.

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

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

26           400.462 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:  
27           (28) "Satellite office" means a secondary office of a nurse  
28           registry established pursuant to s. 400.506(1) in the same  
29           health service planning district as a licensed nurse registry

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30 operational site.

31 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 400.464, Florida  
32 Statutes, is amended to read:

33 400.464 Home health agencies to be licensed; expiration of  
34 license; exemptions; unlawful acts; penalties.—

35 (2) If the licensed home health agency operates related  
36 offices, each related office outside the health service planning  
37 district ~~county~~ where the main office is located must be  
38 separately licensed. The counties where the related offices are  
39 operating within the health service planning district must be  
40 specified on the license in the main office.

41 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 400.506, Florida  
42 Statutes, is amended to read:

43 400.506 Licensure of nurse registries; requirements;  
44 penalties.—

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

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59 must be listed on the license.

60 (b) A licensed nurse registry may operate a satellite  
61 office as defined in s. 400.462. The nurse registry operational  
62 site must administer all satellite offices. A satellite office  
63 may store supplies and records, register and process  
64 contractors, and conduct business by telephone as is done at  
65 other operational sites. Nurse registries may use signs and  
66 advertisements to notify the public of the location of a  
67 satellite office. All original records must be kept at the  
68 operational site.

69 (c) A nurse registry must provide notice, in writing, to  
70 the agency at the state and area office levels, as required by  
71 agency rule, of a proposed change of address for an operational  
72 site or the opening of a satellite office. Before relocating an  
73 operational site or opening a satellite office, the nurse  
74 registry must submit evidence of its legal right to use the  
75 proposed property and evidence that the property is zoned for  
76 nurse registry use.

77 Section 4. Section 400.497, paragraph (h) of subsection (3)  
78 of s. 817.505, and subsection (3) of s. 400.506, Florida  
79 Statutes, are reenacted for the purpose of incorporating the  
80 amendment made by this act to s. 400.506, Florida Statutes, in  
81 references thereto.

82 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.