

By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senators Steube and Brandes

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the length of time a patient may
3 stay at an ambulatory surgical center or mobile
4 surgical center; amending s. 395.002, F.S.; revising
5 the definition of ambulatory surgical center and
6 mobile surgical facility; providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 395.002, Florida
11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 395.002 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

13 (3) "Ambulatory surgical center" or "mobile surgical
14 facility" means a facility the primary purpose of which is to
15 provide elective surgical care, in which the patient is admitted
16 to and discharged from such facility within 24 hours ~~the same~~
17 ~~working day and is not permitted to stay overnight~~, and which is
18 not part of a hospital. However, a facility existing for the
19 primary purpose of performing terminations of pregnancy, an
20 office maintained by a physician for the practice of medicine,
21 or an office maintained for the practice of dentistry shall not
22 be construed to be an ambulatory surgical center, provided that
23 any facility or office which is certified or seeks certification
24 as a Medicare ambulatory surgical center shall be licensed as an
25 ambulatory surgical center pursuant to s. 395.003. Any structure
26 or vehicle in which a physician maintains an office and
27 practices surgery, and which can appear to the public to be a
28 mobile office because the structure or vehicle operates at more
29 than one address, shall be construed to be a mobile surgical

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30 facility.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.