By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Grimsley

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to hospice services; amending s. 408.036, F.S.; exempting certain hospice services in a not-for-profit retirement community from specified review and application requirements; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 408.036, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

408.036 Projects subject to review; exemptions.-

- (3) EXEMPTIONS.—Upon request, the following projects are subject to exemption from the provisions of subsection (1):
- (a) For hospice services or for swing beds in a rural hospital, as defined in s. 395.602, in a number that does not exceed one-half of its licensed beds, or for a hospice program established by an entity that shares a controlling interest, as defined in s. 408.803, with a not-for-profit retirement community that offers all of the following:
 - 1. Independent living.
 - 2. Assisted living.
- 3. Nursing home services located on the same premises as a nursing home facility designated by the agency as a teaching nursing home for a minimum of 5 years in accordance with s. 430.80.

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Only one hospice program per teaching nursing home may be established under the exemption in this paragraph.

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