

By the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Health Policy; and Senator Grimsley

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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to hospice services; amending s.  
3 408.036, F.S.; exempting certain hospice services in a  
4 not-for-profit retirement community from specified  
5 review and application requirements; providing an  
6 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. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
11 408.036, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 408.036 Projects subject to review; exemptions.—

13 (3) EXEMPTIONS.—Upon request, the following projects are  
14 subject to exemption from the provisions of subsection (1):

15 (a) For hospice services or for swing beds in a rural  
16 hospital, as defined in s. 395.602, in a number that does not  
17 exceed one-half of its licensed beds, or for a hospice program  
18 established by an entity that shares a controlling interest, as  
19 defined in s. 408.803, with a not-for-profit retirement  
20 community that offers all of the following:

21 1. Independent living.

22 2. Assisted living.

23 3. Nursing home services located on the same premises as a  
24 nursing home facility designated by the agency as a teaching  
25 nursing home for a minimum of 5 years in accordance with s.  
26 430.80.

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28 Only one hospice program per teaching nursing home may be  
29 established under the exemption in this paragraph, and such

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30 program must be limited to serving patients residing in  
31 communities located within the not-for-profit retirement  
32 community, including home and community-based service providers.

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