

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 independent living, assisted living, and
 21 skilled nursing services provided in a facility on the same
 22 premises and designated by the agency as a teaching nursing home
 23 for a minimum of 5 years, in accordance with s. 430.80.

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 25 Only one hospice program per teaching nursing home may be

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26 | established under the exemption in this paragraph.

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