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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Health Policy (Gainer) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Section 456.0231, Florida Statutes, is created  
to read:

456.0231 Exemption from health care licensure requirements  
for physicians who treat veterans.—

(1) As used in this section, the term "physician" means a  
person who holds an active, unencumbered license to practice



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11 allopathic medicine or osteopathic medicine issued by another  
12 state; the District of Columbia; or a possession, commonwealth,  
13 or territory of the United States.

14 (2) A physician must submit to the department all of the  
15 following to be exempt from the licensure requirements of  
16 chapters 458 and 459:

17 (a) Proof that he or she holds an active, unencumbered  
18 license to practice allopathic medicine or osteopathic medicine  
19 issued by another state; the District of Columbia; or a  
20 possession, commonwealth, or territory of the United States.

21 (b) Proof of current employment with the United States  
22 Department of Veterans Affairs.

23 (3) As a condition of receiving the health care licensure  
24 requirement exemption, the physician shall attest that he or she  
25 will provide only medical services to veterans:

26 (a) At United States Department of Veterans Affairs  
27 facilities or outreach locations;

28 (b) Pursuant to his or her employment with the United  
29 States Department of Veterans Affairs; and

30 (c) In hospitals licensed under chapter 395.

31 (4) The department shall notify the physician within 15  
32 business days after receipt of the documentation of eligibility  
33 for the exemption required by subsection (2) that the physician  
34 is exempt from the licensure requirements of chapters 458 and  
35 459.

36 (5) The department may adopt rules to administer this  
37 section.

38 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

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41 And the title is amended as follows:

42 Delete everything before the enacting clause

43 and insert:

44 A bill to be entitled

45 An act relating to health care licensure requirements;

46 creating s. 456.0231, F.S.; defining the term

47 "physician"; exempting certain physicians from

48 specified licensing requirements when providing

49 certain services to veterans in this state; requiring

50 such physicians to submit specified documentation to

51 the Department of Health; requiring an exempted

52 physician to attest that he or she will provide

53 medical services only to veterans under certain

54 conditions; authorizing the department to adopt rules;

55 providing an effective date.