

By Senator Gainer

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to health care licensing requirements;
3 creating s. 456.0231, F.S.; providing a short title;
4 providing legislative intent; providing definitions;
5 exempting certain health care practitioners from
6 specified licensing requirements when providing
7 certain services to veterans in this state; providing
8 reporting requirements; providing construction;
9 providing for rulemaking; providing an effective date.

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

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

15 456.0231 Exemption of health care license requirements for
16 the treatment of veterans.-

17 (1) SHORT TITLE.-This section may be cited as the
18 "Exemption of License Requirements for the Treatment of Veterans
19 Act."

20 (2) INTENT.-It is the intent of the Legislature to allow
21 the exemption of health care licensing laws, rules, and
22 regulations for health care professionals who are employed by
23 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and who treat
24 Florida veterans at licensed medical facilities in this state
25 that are not public hospitals or other public health care
26 facilities.

27 (3) DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section, the term:

28 (a) "Health care practitioner" means any person in a
29 profession licensed under chapter 458; chapter 459; chapter 461;

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30 chapter 463; chapter 464; chapter 466; part I, part III, part V,
31 or part XIV of chapter 468; chapter 486; chapter 490; or chapter
32 491.

33 (b) "License" means any permit, registration, certificate,
34 or license, including a provisional license, that is necessary
35 for a health care practitioner to legally practice his or her
36 profession in this state.

37 (4) EXEMPTION FROM LICENSURE.—A health care practitioner
38 that is employed by the United States Department of Veterans
39 Affairs; provides medical services within his or her scope of
40 employment to veterans in this state at a licensed medical
41 facility that is not a public hospital or other public health
42 care facility; and possesses the appropriate license in good
43 standing in another state or country is exempt from holding a
44 license in this state for purposes of providing such medical
45 services to veterans in this state.

46 (5) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—The executive director of the
47 Department of Veterans' Affairs shall submit to the State
48 Surgeon General a list of all health care practitioners who meet
49 the requirements of subsection (4).

50 (6) EMERGENCY PRIVILEGES.—Nothing in this section shall be
51 construed to preempt or supplant an individual medical
52 facility's policies regarding the award of emergency privileges
53 to physicians or other medical personnel.

54 (7) RULEMAKING.—The Department of Health shall adopt rules
55 to administer this section.

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