

By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senators Gainer and Passidomo

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to health care licensure requirements;
3 creating s. 456.0231, F.S.; defining the term
4 "physician"; exempting certain physicians from
5 specified licensing requirements when providing
6 certain services to veterans in this state; requiring
7 such physicians to submit specified documentation to
8 the Department of Health; requiring an exempted
9 physician to attest that he or she will provide
10 medical services only to veterans under certain
11 conditions; authorizing the department to adopt rules;
12 providing an effective date.

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

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

18 456.0231 Exemption from health care licensure requirements
19 for physicians who treat veterans.-

20 (1) As used in this section, the term "physician" means a
21 person who holds an active, unencumbered license to practice
22 allopathic medicine or osteopathic medicine issued by another
23 state; the District of Columbia; or a possession, commonwealth,
24 or territory of the United States.

25 (2) A physician must submit to the department all of the
26 following to be exempt from the licensure requirements of
27 chapters 458 and 459:

28 (a) Proof that he or she holds an active, unencumbered
29 license to practice allopathic medicine or osteopathic medicine

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30 issued by another state; the District of Columbia; or a
31 possession, commonwealth, or territory of the United States.

32 (b) Proof of current employment with the United States
33 Department of Veterans Affairs.

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

37 (a) At United States Department of Veterans Affairs
38 facilities or outreach locations;

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

41 (c) In hospitals licensed under chapter 395.

42 (4) The department shall notify the physician within 15
43 business days after receipt of the documentation of eligibility
44 for the exemption required by subsection (2) that the physician
45 is exempt from the licensure requirements of chapters 458 and
46 459.

47 (5) The department may adopt rules to administer this
48 section.

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