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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Appropriations (Flores) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (520116) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Between lines 222 and 223
5 insert:

6 Section 5. Section 542.336, Florida Statutes, is created to
7 read:

8 542.336 Invalid restrictive covenants.—A restrictive
9 covenant entered into with a physician who is licensed under
10 chapter 458 or chapter 459 and who practices a medical specialty



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11 in a county wherein one entity employs or contracts with, either
12 directly or through related or affiliated entities, all
13 physicians who practice such specialty in that county is not
14 supported by a legitimate business interest. The Legislature
15 finds that such covenants restrict patient access to physicians,
16 increase costs, and are void and unenforceable under current
17 law. Such restrictive covenants shall remain void and
18 unenforceable for 3 years after the date on which a second
19 entity that employs or contracts with, either directly or
20 through related or affiliated entities, one or more physicians
21 who practice such specialty begins offering such specialty
22 services in that county.

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24 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

25 And the title is amended as follows:

26 Delete line 411

27 and insert:

28 discharge papers; creating s. 542.336, F.S.;

29 specifying that certain restrictive covenants entered

30 into with certain physicians are not supported by

31 legitimate business interests; providing legislative

32 findings; providing that such restrictive covenants

33 are void and shall remain void and unenforceable for a

34 specified period; amending s. 624.27, F.S.; expanding