

By the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; and Senator Gruters

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to restrictive covenants; creating s.  
3           542.336, F.S.; providing that certain restrictive  
4           covenants are void and unenforceable for a specified  
5           period; providing an effective date.  
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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9           Section 1. Section 542.336, Florida Statutes, is created to  
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11           542.336 Invalid restrictive covenants.—A restrictive  
12          covenant entered into with a physician licensed under chapter  
13          458 or chapter 459 who practices a medical specialty in a county  
14          where one entity employs or contracts with, either directly or  
15          through related or affiliated entities, all physicians who  
16          practice such specialty in that county is not supported by a  
17          legitimate business interest and is void and unenforceable. Such  
18          restrictive covenant shall remain void and unenforceable for 3  
19          years after the date on which a second entity that employs or  
20          contracts with, either directly or through related or affiliated  
21          entities, one or more physicians who practice such specialty  
22          begins serving patients in that county.

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