

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to health care licensing requirements;  
 3           creating s. 456.0231, F.S.; defining the term  
 4           "physician"; exempting certain health care  
 5           practitioners from specified licensing requirements  
 6           when providing certain services to veterans in this  
 7           state; authorizing the Department of Health to adopt  
 8           rules; providing an effective date.

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

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

14           456.0231 Exemption of health care license requirements for  
 15   the treatment of veterans.-

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

21           (2) A physician must submit to the department all of the  
 22   following to be exempt from the licensure requirements of  
 23   chapters 458 and 459:

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

26 | issued by another state, the District of Columbia, or a  
 27 | possession, commonwealth, or territory of the United States.

28 | (b) Proof of current employment with the United States  
 29 | Department of Veterans Affairs.

30 | (c) An attestation that he or she will only provide  
 31 | medical services:

32 | 1. To veterans.

33 | 2. Pursuant to his or her employment with the United  
 34 | States Department of Veterans Affairs.

35 | 3. In hospitals licensed under chapter 395.

36 | (3) The department shall notify the physician within 15  
 37 | business days after receipt of the documentation required by  
 38 | subsection (2) that the physician is exempt from the licensure  
 39 | requirements of chapters 458 and 459.

40 | (4) The department may adopt rules to administer this  
 41 | section.

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