

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.; 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; requiring such health care practitioners to
8 submit certain information to the Department of
9 Health; requiring the department to notify such health
10 care practitioners of their exemption within a certain
11 timeframe; 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 of health care license requirements for
19 the treatment of 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 (c) An attestation that he or she will only provide medical
35 services:

36 1. To veterans.

37 2. Pursuant to his or her employment with the United States
38 Department of Veterans Affairs.

39 3. In hospitals licensed under chapter 395.

40 (3) The department shall notify the physician within 15
41 business days after receipt of the documentation required by
42 subsection (2) that the physician is exempt from the licensure
43 requirements of chapters 458 and 459.

44 (4) The department may adopt rules to administer this
45 section.

46 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.