

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"; requiring certain physicians to submit
 5 specified information to the Department of Health to
 6 be exempt from specified licensure requirements;
 7 requiring the department to notify such health care
 8 practitioners of their exemption within a specified
 9 timeframe; authorizing the department to adopt rules;
 10 providing an effective date.

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

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 14 Section 1. Section 456.0231, Florida Statutes, is created
 15 to read:

16 456.0231 Exemption from health care licensure requirements
 17 for the treatment of veterans.—

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

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

26 (a) Proof that he or she holds an active, unencumbered
 27 license to practice allopathic medicine or osteopathic medicine
 28 issued by another state, the District of Columbia, or a
 29 possession, commonwealth, or territory of the United States.

30 (b) Proof of current employment with the United States
 31 Department of Veterans Affairs.

32 (c) An attestation that he or she will only provide
 33 medical services:

34 1. To veterans.

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

37 3. In hospitals licensed under chapter 395.

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

42 (4) The department may adopt rules to administer this
 43 section.

44 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.