

By Senator Gainer

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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.

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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 medical
33 services:

34 1. To veterans.

35 2. Pursuant to his or her employment with the United States
36 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.