1	A bill to be entitled				
2	An act relating to health care patient protection;				
3	amending s. 408.809, F.S.; adding additional				
4	disqualifying offenses to background screening				
5	requirements for certain persons in health care				
6	practice settings; amending s. 429.02, F.S.; defining				
7	the term "memory care provider"; creating s. 429.179,				
8	F.S.; requiring memory care providers to employ				
9	specified practices in the provision of memory care				
10	services; prohibiting certain facilities from				
11	advertising, representing, or holding themselves out				
12	as memory care providers unless they meet specified				
13	criteria; providing an effective date.				
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15	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:				
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17	Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 408.809, Florida				
18	Statutes, is amended to read:				
19	408.809 Background screening; prohibited offenses				
20	(4) In addition to the offenses listed in s. 435.04, all				
21	persons required to undergo background screening pursuant to				
22	this part or authorizing statutes must not have an arrest				
23	awaiting final disposition for, must not have been found guilty				
24	of, regardless of adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo				
25	contendere or guilty to, and must not have been adjudicated				
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26	delinquent and the record not have been sealed or expunged for
27	any of the following offenses or any similar offense of another
28	jurisdiction:
29	(a) Any authorizing statutes, if the offense was a felony.
30	(b) This chapter, if the offense was a felony.
31	(c) Section 409.920, relating to Medicaid provider fraud.
32	(d) Section 409.9201, relating to Medicaid fraud.
33	(e) Section 414.39, relating to fraud, if the offense was
34	<u>a felony.</u>
35	(f) Section 741.28, relating to domestic violence.
36	(g)(f) Section 777.04, relating to attempts, solicitation,
37	and conspiracy to commit an offense listed in this subsection.
38	<u>(h)</u> Section 784.03, relating to battery, if the victim
39	is a vulnerable adult as defined in s. 415.102 or a patient or
40	resident of a facility licensed under chapter 395, chapter 400,
41	or chapter 429.
42	(i) Section 815.04, relating to offenses against
43	intellectual property.
44	(j) Section 815.06, relating to offenses against users of
45	computers, computer systems, computer networks, and electronic
46	devices.
47	(k)(h) Section 817.034, relating to fraudulent acts
48	through mail, wire, radio, electromagnetic, photoelectronic, or
49	photooptical systems.
50	(1)(i) Section 817.234, relating to false and fraudulent
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51	insurance claims.
52	(m)(j) Section 817.481, relating to obtaining goods by
53	using a false or expired credit card or other credit device, if
54	the offense was a felony.
55	<u>(n)</u> (k) Section 817.50, relating to fraudulently obtaining
56	goods or services from a health care provider.
57	(o)(1) Section 817.505, relating to patient brokering.
58	<u>(p)(m)</u> Section 817.568, relating to criminal use of
59	personal identification information.
60	<u>(q)</u> (n) Section 817.60, relating to obtaining a credit card
61	through fraudulent means.
62	<u>(r)</u> Section 817.61, relating to fraudulent use of
63	credit cards, if the offense was a felony.
64	<u>(s)(p)</u> Section 831.01, relating to forgery.
65	<u>(t)(q)</u> Section 831.02, relating to uttering forged
66	instruments.
67	<u>(u)(r)</u> Section 831.07, relating to forging bank bills,
68	checks, drafts, or promissory notes.
69	<u>(v)(s)</u> Section 831.09, relating to uttering forged bank
70	bills, checks, drafts, or promissory notes.
71	(w) Section 831.29, relating to making or having
72	instruments and material for counterfeiting driver licenses or
73	identification cards.
74	<u>(x)(t)</u> Section 831.30, relating to fraud in obtaining
75	medicinal drugs.

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76 (y) (u) Section 831.31, relating to the sale, manufacture, 77 delivery, or possession with the intent to sell, manufacture, or 78 deliver any counterfeit controlled substance, if the offense was 79 a felony. 80 (z) Section 831.311, relating to unlawful sale, manufacture, alteration, delivery, uttering, or possession of 81 82 counterfeit-resistant prescription blanks for controlled 83 substances. 84 (aa) Section 836.05, relating to threats and extortion. (bb) Section 836.10, relating to written or electronic 85 86 threats to kill, do bodily injury, or conduct a mass shooting or 87 an act of terrorism. (cc) Section 873.01, relating to prohibited purchase or 88 89 sale of human organs and tissue. (dd) (v) Section 895.03, relating to racketeering and 90 91 collection of unlawful debts. 92 (ee) (w) Section 896.101, relating to the Florida Money 93 Laundering Act. 94 95 If, upon rescreening, a person who is currently employed or 96 contracted with a licensee and was screened and qualified under 97 s. 435.04 has a disqualifying offense that was not a 98 disqualifying offense at the time of the last screening, but is 99 a current disqualifying offense and was committed before the last screening, he or she may apply for an exemption from the 100 Page 4 of 7

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appropriate licensing agency and, if agreed to by the employer, may continue to perform his or her duties until the licensing agency renders a decision on the application for exemption if the person is eligible to apply for an exemption and the exemption request is received by the agency no later than 30 days after receipt of the rescreening results by the person.

107 Section 2. Present subsections (16) through (28) of 108 section 429.02, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as 109 subsections (17) through (29), respectively, a new subsection 110 (16) is added to that section, and subsection (12) of that 111 section is amended, to read:

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429.02 Definitions.-When used in this part, the term:

(12) "Extended congregate care" means acts beyond those 113 114 authorized in subsection (19) (18) which may be performed 115 pursuant to part I of chapter 464 by persons licensed thereunder 116 while carrying out their professional duties, and other 117 supportive services that may be specified by rule. The purpose 118 of such services is to enable residents to age in place in a residential environment despite mental or physical limitations 119 120 that might otherwise disqualify them from residency in a 121 facility licensed under this part.

122 (16) "Memory care provider" means either a designated unit 123 within an assisted living facility or a facility as a whole 124 which provides care and services specific to the needs of 125 residents who exhibit symptoms consistent with dementia.

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126	Section 3. Section 429.179, Florida Statutes, is created
127	to read:
128	429.179 Memory care providers
129	(1) Memory care providers must employ the following
130	practices in the provision of such care:
131	(a) Residents who upon admission exhibit symptoms
132	consistent with dementia must be admitted under memory care
133	protocols that require an assessment by a physician, an advanced
134	practice registered nurse, a physician's assistant, or a
135	psychologist trained in dementia care.
136	(b) Policies for memory care service plans must require a
137	resident assessment to be completed within 10 days after
138	admission. The assessment must be based on the resident's past,
139	including consideration of such factors as family or other
140	important relationships, religious or spiritual preferences,
141	communication capabilities, behavioral concerns, and activity
142	preferences.
143	(c) Minimum staffing requirements must require that at
144	least one qualified staff member who is trained in both
145	cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid be in a designated
146	memory care unit at all times. Staff administering medication or
147	providing assistance with medication administration may not
148	count toward this minimum staffing requirement while they are
149	engaged in such medication administration tasks. Staffing ratios
150	beyond the minimum of one staff member must consider resident
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151	acuity and may not fall below the ratio of one staff person per
152	five residents.
153	(d) Providers must maintain a current and accurate log of
154	residents admitted as memory care residents. Resident contracts
155	shall outline the memory care services to be provided and any
156	related costs, should those exceed standard room and board.
157	(2) A facility may not advertise, represent, or hold
158	itself out as a memory care provider unless it meets the
159	requirements of this section.
160	Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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