

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to controlling interests in health
 3 care licenses; amending s. 408.810, F.S.; requiring a
 4 licensee to make reasonable efforts to ensure
 5 specified information about a person or entity who
 6 possesses a controlling interest; defining the term
 7 "controlling interest"; revising the definition of the
 8 term "foreign country of concern"; providing an
 9 effective date.

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

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 13 **Section 1. Subsection (15) of section 408.810, Florida**
 14 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

15 408.810 Minimum licensure requirements.—In addition to the
 16 licensure requirements specified in this part, authorizing
 17 statutes, and applicable rules, each applicant and licensee must
 18 comply with the requirements of this section in order to obtain
 19 and maintain a license.

20 (15) (a) The licensee must make reasonable efforts to
 21 ensure that a person or entity who possesses a controlling
 22 interest does not hold, either directly or indirectly,
 23 regardless of ownership structure, an interest in an entity that
 24 has a business relationship with a foreign country of concern or
 25 that is subject to s. 287.135.

26 (b) For purposes of this subsection, the term:

27 1. "Business relationship" means engaging in commerce in
 28 any form, including, but not limited to, acquiring, developing,
 29 maintaining, owning, selling, possessing, leasing, or operating
 30 equipment, facilities, personnel, products, services, personal
 31 property, real property, military equipment, or any other
 32 apparatus of business or commerce.

33 2. "Controlling interest" has the same meaning as in s.
 34 408.803, but is limited to persons or entities that have direct
 35 controlling interests in the licensee.

36 3.2- "Foreign country of concern" means the People's
 37 Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic
 38 of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic
 39 of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolas Maduro, or the Syrian
 40 Arab Republic, including any agency of or any other entity of
 41 significant control of such foreign country of concern ~~has the~~
 42 ~~same meaning as in s. 692.201.~~

43 4.3- "Interest" has the same meaning as in s. 286.101(1).

44 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.