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Senate House

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Health Policy (Burton) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

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Delete lines 218 - 255

and insert:

Section 5. Present subsections (7) through (15) of section 408.061, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (8) through (16), respectively, and a new subsection (7) is added to that section, to read:

408.061 Data collection; uniform systems of financial reporting; information relating to physician charges;

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confidential information; immunity.-

- (7) (a) Beginning January 1, 2026, the agency shall impose an administrative fine of \$10,000 per violation against a nursing home or home office that fails to comply with subsection (5) or subsection (6), as applicable. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "violation" means failing to file the financial report required by subsection (5) or subsection (6), as applicable, on or before the report's due date. Failing to file the report during any subsequent 10-day period occurring after the due date constitutes a separate violation until the report has been submitted.
- (b) The agency shall adopt rules to implement this subsection. The rules must include provisions for a nursing home or home office to present factors in mitigation of the imposition of the fine's full dollar amount. The agency may determine not to impose the fine's full dollar amount upon a showing that the full fine is inappropriate under the circumstances.

Section 6. Subsection (2) of section 408.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

408.08 Inspections and audits; violations; penalties; fines; enforcement.-

(2) Unless otherwise fined pursuant to s. 408.061(7), any health care facility that refuses to file a report, fails to timely file a report, files a false report, or files an incomplete report and upon notification fails to timely file a complete report required under s. 408.061; that violates this section, s. 408.061, or s. 408.20, or rule adopted thereunder; or that fails to provide documents or records requested by the



agency under this chapter shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$1,000 per day for each day in violation, to be imposed and collected by the agency. Pursuant to rules adopted by the agency, the agency may, upon a showing of good cause, grant a one-time extension of any deadline for a health care facility to timely file a report as required by this section, s. 408.061, or s. 408.20.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 43 - 47

and insert:

administrative fines against nursing homes and home offices of nursing homes for failing to comply with certain reporting requirements; defining the term "violation"; providing construction; requiring the agency to adopt rules; providing requirements for such rules; amending s. 408.08, F.S.; exempting health care facilities from imposition of administrative fines if they have otherwise been fined for the same violation pursuant to other provisions; amending s.