



LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs (Rouson) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Substitute for Amendment (707950) (with title
2 amendment)**

3 Delete everything after the enacting clause
4 and insert:

5 Section 1. Subsections (6), (7), and (8) of section
6 397.407, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

7 397.407 Licensure process; fees.—

8 (6) The department may issue probationary, regular, and
9 interim licenses. The department may issue one license for all
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11 service components operated by a service provider and defined
12 pursuant to s. 397.311(27). The license is valid only for the
13 specific service components listed for each specific location
14 identified on the license. The licensed service provider must
15 shall apply for the addition of any service components and
16 obtain approval before initiating additional services. The
17 licensed service provider must notify the department and provide
18 any required documentation at least 30 days before the
19 relocation of any of its service sites. Provision of service
20 components or delivery of services at a location not identified
21 on the license may be considered an unlicensed operation that
22 authorizes the department to seek an injunction against
23 operation as provided in s. 397.401, in addition to other
24 sanctions authorized by s. 397.415. Probationary and regular
25 licenses may be issued only after all required information has
26 been submitted. A license may not be transferred. As used in
27 this subsection, the term "transfer" means:

28 (a) An event in which the licensee sells or otherwise
29 transfers its ownership to a different individual or entity as
30 evidenced by a change in federal employer identification number
31 or taxpayer identification number; or

32 (b) An event in which 51 percent or more of the ownership,
33 shares, membership, or controlling interest of a licensee is in
34 any manner transferred or otherwise assigned. ~~includes, but is~~
35 ~~not limited to, the transfer of a majority of the ownership~~
36 ~~interest in the licensed entity or transfer of responsibilities~~
37 ~~under the license to another entity by contractual arrangement.~~

38 (7) Upon receipt of a complete application, payment of
39 applicable fees, and a demonstration of substantial compliance



40 with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, the
41 department may issue a probationary license to a new service
42 provider applicant with services that are not yet fully
43 operational. The department may not issue a probationary license
44 when doing so would place the health, safety, or welfare of
45 individuals at risk. A probationary license expires 90 days
46 after issuance and may not be reissued. During the probationary
47 period the department shall monitor the delivery of services.
48 Notwithstanding s. 120.60(5), the department may order a
49 probationary licensee to cease and desist operations at any time
50 it is found to be substantially out of compliance with licensure
51 standards. This cease-and-desist order is exempt from the
52 requirements of s. 120.60(6).

53 (8) (a) A regular license may be issued to:

54 1. (a) A new applicant at the end of the probationary
55 period.

56 2. (b) A licensed applicant that holds a regular license and
57 is seeking renewal.

58 3. (c) An applicant for a service component operating under
59 an interim license upon successful satisfaction of the
60 requirements for a regular license.

61 (b) In order to be issued a regular license, the applicant
62 must be in compliance with statutory and regulatory
63 requirements. An application for renewal of a regular license
64 must be submitted to the department at least 60 days before the
65 license expires. The department may deny a renewal application
66 submitted fewer than 30 days before the license expires.

67 (c) The department must issue a regular license within 30
68 calendar days after receipt of a complete application from an



existing licensed service provider that is in compliance with all renewal requirements and that is seeking to add licensed services or one or more additional levels of care at an existing licensed location or at one or more new locations when the application is from a provider with the same federal tax identification number as the existing provider. No other additional requirements may be imposed upon an existing service provider seeking to add new levels of care or new locations.

Section 2. Subsection (8) of section 397.487, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

397.487 Voluntary certification of recovery residences.—

(8) Onsite followup monitoring of a certified recovery residence may be conducted by the credentialing entity to determine continuing compliance with certification requirements. The credentialing entity shall inspect each certified recovery residence at least annually to ensure compliance.

(a) A credentialing entity may suspend or revoke a certification if the recovery residence is not in compliance with ~~any provision of~~ this section or has failed to remedy any deficiency identified by the credentialing entity within the time period specified. For purposes of this paragraph, the credentialing entity may not request or obtain clinical or medical records of a resident when determining whether to suspend or revoke a certificate, consistent with the privacy protections afforded pursuant to s. 397.501(7) and 42 C.F.R. part 2.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.



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99 ===== TITLE AMENDMENT =====
100 And the title is amended as follows:
101 Delete everything before the enacting clause
102 and insert:
103 A bill to be entitled
104 An act relating to substance abuse services; amending s.
105 397.407, F.S.; revising the definition of the term
106 "transfer"; requiring the Department of Children and
107 Families to issue a regular license after the
108 department receives a complete application from
109 certain existing licensed service providers that are
110 seeking to add licensed services or one or more
111 additional levels of care at an existing licensed
112 location or at one or more new locations within a
113 specified timeframe, if certain requirements are met;
114 prohibiting the imposition of additional requirements
115 upon such service providers; amending s. 397.487,
116 F.S.; prohibiting a credentialing entity from
117 requesting or obtaining certain records when
118 determining whether to suspend or revoke a licensed
119 service provider's certificate to serve as a recovery
120 residence; providing an effective date.