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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Senate Substitute for Amendment (707950) (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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

397.407 Licensure process; fees.—

(6) The department may issue probationary, regular, and interim licenses. The department may issue one license for all



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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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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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause
and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to substance abuse services; amending s.
397.407, F.S.; revising the definition of the term
"transfer"; requiring the Department of Children and
Families to issue a regular license after the
department receives a complete application from
certain existing licensed service providers that are
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 within a
specified timeframe, if certain requirements are met;
prohibiting the imposition of additional requirements
upon such service providers; amending s. 397.487,
F.S.; prohibiting a credentialing entity from
requesting or obtaining certain records when
determining whether to suspend or revoke a licensed
service provider's certificate to serve as a recovery
residence; providing an effective date.