

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Parkinson's disease registry;
3 amending s. 1004.4352, F.S.; defining the term "health
4 care provider"; authorizing the President of the
5 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
6 to each appoint one member to the Parkinson's Disease
7 Research Board; requiring the board, subject to
8 appropriation, to contract with a private entity to
9 establish and maintain a statewide Parkinson's disease
10 registry; providing requirements for such registry and
11 private entity; providing limited liability for health
12 care providers under certain circumstances; providing
13 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. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section**
18 **1004.4352, Florida Statutes, is amended, paragraph (c) is added**
19 **to subsection (3), and subsection (5) is added to that section,**
20 **to read:**

21 1004.4352 Parkinson's disease research.—

22 (3) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

23 (c) "Health care provider" means a physician licensed
24 under chapter 458 or chapter 459.

25 (4) CONSORTIUM FOR PARKINSON'S DISEASE RESEARCH.—

(b) The Parkinson's Disease Research Board is established to direct the operations of the consortium. The board shall be composed of members representing each participating university or academic medical center, appointed by the president or chief executive officer of each participating university or academic medical center, and the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint one member. Board members must have experience in a variety of scientific fields, including, but not limited to, neurology, psychology, nutrition, and genetics. Members shall be appointed to 4-year terms and may be reappointed to serve additional terms. The chair shall be elected by the board from among its members to serve a 2-year term. The board shall meet at least semiannually at the call of the chair or, in his or her absence or incapacity, the vice chair. Four members constitute a quorum. A majority vote of the members present is required for all actions of the board. The board may prescribe, amend, and repeal a charter governing the manner in which it conducts its business. Board members shall serve without compensation, but are entitled to receive reimbursement for travel expenses by the consortium or the organization he or she represents in accordance with s. 112.061.

(5) PARKINSON'S DISEASE REGISTRY.—

(a) Subject to a specific appropriation, the board shall contract with a private entity to establish and maintain a

51 statewide Parkinson's disease registry to ensure that the
52 Parkinson's disease performance measures required to be
53 submitted under paragraph (b) are maintained and available for
54 use to improve or modify the Parkinson's disease care system,
55 ensure compliance with standards and nationally recognized
56 guidelines, and monitor Parkinson's disease patient outcomes.

57 (b) Health care providers shall regularly report to the
58 statewide Parkinson's disease registry information containing
59 nationally recognized Parkinson's disease performance measures.

60 (c) The board shall require the contracted private entity
61 to use a nationally recognized platform to collect data from
62 health care providers on the Parkinson's disease performance
63 measures required in paragraph (b). The contracted private
64 entity shall provide regular reports to the board on the data
65 collected.

66 (d) A liability of any kind or character for damages or
67 other relief may not arise or be enforced against any health
68 care provider by reason of having provided such information to
69 the statewide Parkinson's disease registry.

70 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.