

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2020 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Committee on Health Policy**

**CS/SB 1344 — Intermediate Care Facilities**

by Appropriations Committee and Senator Harrell

The bill establishes a new certificate of need (CON) exemption for an intermediate care facility for the developmentally disabled (ICFDD) for use by clients exhibiting severe maladaptive behaviors and co-occurring psychiatric diagnoses, requiring increased levels of behavioral, medical, and therapeutic oversight.

The bill specifies requirements that an ICFDD must meet in order to obtain the CON exemption, including bed requirements and the types of clients the ICFDD must serve, and establishes additional licensure criteria for an ICFDD that has been granted the CON exemption.

The bill prohibits the Agency for Health Care Administration from granting more than three CON exemptions under the bill and requires any such CON exemptions to terminate 18 months after being issued, unless construction on the project has begun.

The CON exemption provided under the bill sunsets on July 1, 2022, unless saved from repeal by the Legislature.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2020.

*Vote: Senate 30-8; House 79-36*